

“So it was, as
the multitude
pressed about
Him to hear
the word of
God”



Luke 5:1

**How do those who
are spiritually
sound deal with
the Word of God?**



- They are eager to know and understand it through the right channels:

“Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded Israel”

Nehemiah 8:1-2



❑ They do not mind spending
learning from it at length:

“Then he read from it in the
open square that was in front
of the Water Gate from
morning until midday”

Nehemiah 8:3



□ They are attentive to every word and heed every command:

“...and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law”

Nehemiah 8:3



❑ **The Word of God is received
among them with all due
reverence:**

“Then all the people answered,
‘Amen, Amen!’ while lifting up
their hands. And they bowed
their heads and worshiped
the LORD with their faces to the
ground” **Nehemiah 8:6**



❑ **The Word of God for them
is authoritative:**

“And Ezra opened the book
in the sight of all the
people, for he was
standing above all the
people; and when he
opened it, all the people
stood up” **Nehemiah 8:5**



❑ **The authority of the Word of God is demonstrated by the submission of the elders among them to it:**

“So Ezra the scribe stood on a platform of wood which they had made for the purpose; and beside him, at his right hand, stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Urijah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah; and at his left hand Pedaiah, Mishaël, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam”

Nehemiah 8:4



□ They measure themselves with
it leading them to be sorrowful:
“For all the people wept, when
they heard the words of the
Law” **Nehemiah 8:9**



❑ The Word of God pierces their hearts and moves them to change:

“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’” **Acts 2:37**

