

Nehemiah — Worksheet 2: Answer Key

Reading the Law & Renewing the Covenant — marking guide

Use this to mark your own worksheet. For reflection questions, there is no single right answer — check that your response genuinely engages with the passage.

1. What did the people ask Ezra to do in Nehemiah 8:1?

Bring the Book of the Law of Moses and read it to the assembled people.

2. How long did Ezra read, and who was listening (Nehemiah 8:2-3)?

From morning until midday, to men, women, and all who could understand — everyone listened attentively.

3. How did the people initially react to hearing the Law (Nehemiah 8:9, summarise)?

They wept, apparently convicted by what they heard.

4. What did Nehemiah tell them instead of continuing to mourn (Nehemiah 8:10)?

To go and celebrate with good food and share with those who had none, for 'the joy of the LORD is your strength,' rather than grieving.

5. Reflection: Why do you think Nehemiah redirected the people from sorrow to joyful celebration in this moment?

Open reflection — look for engagement with the idea that conviction should lead to renewed commitment and joy, not despair.