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CHODAE COMMUNITY CHURCH

FAMILY CELL WORSHIP

Connecting Parent and Child Generation through a Spiritual Conversation

*Return and
Rebuild*

**WORD OF GOD
RESTORES
AND REBUILDS!**

READ NEHEMIAH 8:1-12

**THIS DAY IS HOLY TO THE LORD
YOUR GOD. DO NOT MOURN OR
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THE LAW (NEHEMIAH 8:9)**

FAMILY ACTIVITY "BREAK THE ICE!"

Prepare: A block of ice with a laminated scripture paper inside (Prepare 1 day ahead), Tools to break or melt the ice (hammer, hair dryer, towel, etc).

Scripture: This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law (Nehemiah 8:9)

1. Prepare the ice one day ahead. First, laminate the theme verse (you may tape them front and back using a clear tape). Dunk the laminated verse into the water inside a container and put it into a freezer.
2. On the day of worship, take out the ice from the container. Bring out the tools that will help break/melt the ice.
3. Israelites re-discovered the Word of God which was forgotten for a long time. Their hearts were hard as ice too but it was broken apart before the Word of God. It is time to break some ice! Form two teams and any team that successfully uncovers the scripture first will win!

Nehemiah and Israelites started facing many obstacles as they started to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Despite all the difficulties, they still pressed on in faith! In today's passage, we see how the Word of God starts rebuilding the heart of the people. As Ezra started reciting and explaining the Scripture, people started to weep as they confessed their sins to God. When the Word of God is discovered and explored, our hearts respond in such away. These were the things that were happening when Ezra read the Word.

First, people had a heart of adoring the Word of God. When Ezra was reading the Word, they wholeheartedly listened and paid attention. Secondly, the heart of the people started to move. They started to confess their sins to God. Thirdly, God filled their heart with joy. Instead of reprimanding the sinful people, God told them to rejoice because their sins were forgiven! When we repent, God restores the joy in our hearts.





TALK

1When Ezra started to read the Word of God, people started to cry. Why do you think they responded in such a way?

2.Have you ever had an experience of learning something new that enlightened your view? Share.

3. When we read His word, He enlightens us. Our eyes become open to recognize our sins. If there are sins that need to be confessed, take sometime to pray and confess.

CONCLUSION



The Word of God is alive and active. It is sharper than any sword that is double edged. It cuts deep enough to separate soul from spirit, bones from joints. It judges the thoughts and purposes of our heart! (Hebrews 4:12) Confessing sins is not something our hearts can do on our own. It must start from understanding the Word of God. When we do, God will work in our hearts so that we will fall down on our knees in repentance. We start recognizing the sins that we were not aware of before. Once we lived comfortably each day, but now we grow uncomfortable living in sin. But God does not punish us in this state. Rather, He commands us to rejoice because the moment we confessed our sins, He already has forgiven us. Joy is the privilege only the forgiven people will cherish!



ENDING PRAYER

Dear God, help us discover all the hidden sins that have not been confessed before you. Help us to love and adore your Word so that we will truly be attentive to You when You speak to us. Please renew and restore our hearts as we repent. Help us get back up on our feet as rejoice in you because you have forgiven all of our sins. We thank you Lord. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.