



The Authenticity of a Leader's Worship
Nehemiah 8:1-12

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We should all aspire to be leaders. No one is a perfect leader, but one thing is certain. Every great leader is a genuine worshipper of God.

If you are not leading people toward the one true God, you are leading them away from Him. There is no neutral ground. The essence of great leadership is to lead others to worship our great God.

In our text, Nehemiah the governor and Ezra the priest led the people in Jerusalem to worship their great God with genuine hearts.

The Main Thought...

➔ *The authenticity of a leader's worship will _____ others to worship the Lord.*

1. We see the _____ of the people of God (v. 1a).

Ps. 133:1; Eph. 4:13; Mt. 5:23-24; Heb. 10:24-25

2. We see the _____ of the Word of God (v. 1b-4, 7-8).

- There was public _____ of God's Word (v. 1b-3a).
- The people were _____ to God's Word (v. 3b-4).
- They received _____ from God's Word (v. 7-8).

1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:16; 4:1-2

3. We see the _____ of the worshippers of God (v. 5-6).

Ps. 46:10; 47:1; 96:8; 100:2

4. We see a _____ to the Spirit of God (v. 9-12).

Neh. 9:3

How should we respond to authentic worship?

- *Be thoughtful and sensitive to _____ around you.*
- *Worship and pray with an open _____.*
- *Be ready and willing to come to the _____.*