

Aligning with Jesus in Preaching God's Word  
*Nehemiah 8:1-12*

MBC Prayer Requests  
April 25, 2010

Introduction: Why do we do what we do?

I. A HUNGER FOR MORE THAN EXTERNAL SUCCESS

586 BC \_\_\_\_\_

537 BC \_\_\_\_\_

516 BC \_\_\_\_\_

6<sup>th</sup> month, 445 BC \_\_\_\_\_

7<sup>th</sup> month, 445 BC \_\_\_\_\_

A. Buildings and Organizations Cannot Replace \_\_\_\_\_

B. Revival Is Often Marked by \_\_\_\_\_

II. A REALIZATION THAT THEY WOULD MEET GOD IN THE EXPLANATION OF HIS WORD

A. The People Stood and Bowed Down: \_\_\_\_\_

B. The People Stood for 6 Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

III. A COMMITMENT TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD DESPITE OBSTACLES

A. Witnessed by 2 Activities:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

B. 2 Applications:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

IV. A RECOGNITION THAT GOD'S WORD WAS APPLICABLE

A. Ezra read from \_\_\_\_\_ written \_\_\_\_\_ yrs previous

B. Good Preaching Must Discover \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Personal:

Doyle Holder—recovering from leg surgery

Melba—ongoing health problems

Dave Ashenfelder—recovery from physical effects of work in Haiti

Jim Jordan—migraines

Keith Snyder—shingles

Heather Gilbert—recovery from surgery on brain shunt—headaches continue

Marion's friend Doris—court case & appts with specialists for injuries

Frances—sale of home

Carrie Blanscet's daughter Alexis—chronic asthma

Joe Barnett—recovery from fall and broken pelvis

Miriam's sister, Janet—chemo today & cancer surgery 5/14

Gail's uncle Lee Fulmer—diagnosis and treatment of cancer

Peyton's friend Rick Gleason—kidney disease/needs transplant

Emily's friends Judith and Rachel—jobs after upcoming graduation

Pastor's good friend Bob Statler—shingles

Gail's son Donny—spiritual growth while in prison

Heather's father—liver failure

Debbie's sister Diane Davis—stress test for heart + pancreas infection

Financial Peace Seminar—several in neighborhood have expressed interest

Salvation:

Al Means' father

Kevin Whitacre

King Brotman

Manny (friend of Travis and Gidget)

John Place's parents and sisters

Frances' brother and sister

**Persecuted Brethren:** Letters like the following are being sent to Christians in the Middle East accompanied with a bullet. Remember to pray for Christians in the Muslim world! Pray for their protection and their testimony under fire.

*In the Name of Allah, and of his final prophet, Mohammed (peace be on him):*

*The true religion of Islam will arise in your area; you cannot stop Allah's will. We have been watching your family; we have seen you go to church and seen you pray to your false god. We know that you are infidels and we will deal with you as our holy Quran declares:*

*In Sura Al Toba, Chapter 9 verse 5, it says to slay the idolaters wherever you find them; take them captive and besiege them.*

*It also says in Chapter 9 verse 29 to fight or kill those who have been given the Scripture and believe not in Allah or the Last Day or follow not the religion of truth.*

*If you and your entire family do not leave your false religion and follow Islam, you will be killed. Your sons will be slaughtered and your daughters will become Muslim wives, bearing sons who will fight for Allah in their region. Your only option is to flee tonight. Leave your home and everything behind.*

*Allahu Akbar!*