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Word-Centered Worship – Ezra 7:10 & Nehemiah 8

1. Word-centered worship should be led by those who cherish the Word.

(Ezra 7:10; Nehemiah 8:1-8)

- Worship leaders must study the Law of the Lord.
- Worship leaders must practice what they study.
- Worship leaders must teach what they have studied and practiced. (Nehemiah 8:1-8)
 - Present God's Word with authority. (Neh. 8:1-3)
 - Present God's Word with dignity. (Neh. 8:4-6)
 - Present God's Word with clarity. (Neh. 8:7-8)

2. Word-centered worship will be embraced by those who love the Word.

(Nehemiah 8:9-18)

- Listen intently. (3)
- Surrender wholeheartedly. (6)
- Emote sincerely. (9-12)
- Study diligently. (13-15)
- Obey immediately. (16-18)

3. Word-Centered Worship must be practiced by those who heed the Word.

(Worship Template)

- We are commanded to preach the Word. (2 Timothy 4:2)
- We are encouraged to read the Word. (I Timothy 4:13)
- We are inspired to pray the Word. (example: Luke 1:46-55 from I Samuel 2:1-10)
- We are urged to sing the Word. (Colossians 3:16)
- We are instructed to see the Word. (Matthew 28:19 & I Corinthians 11:23-26)

Apply the Text:

- **Cherish His Word.**
 - Start beating down your own devotional "path."
- **Love His Word.**
 - Respond to what you receive from God's Word.
- **Heed His Word.**
 - Look forward to gathering for corporate worship.