

## SERMON Nehemiah 8:1-18 The **Joy of the Lord is Our Strength**

**Gods word forms God's people, and God's joy is their strength.**

Not new → Old Testament, the Reformation, The Puritan Revivals

### **1. God forms us by reading His word. v3, 8**

### **2. God forms us by paying attention to the preached word.**

“He who has ears to hear, **let him hear**” (Mark 4:9, 23).

“Take care **how you listen**, for whoever has, to him shall more be given.....” (Luke 8:18).

Eternal  
Faithful, forgiving  
Gracious, great, good  
Holy  
Infinite  
Just and justifier  
King  
Loving, longsuffering

Mighty, merciful  
Never leave, never forsake me  
Omniscient  
Powerful  
Redeemer  
Sovereign  
Trustworthy  
Unchanging

### **3. God forms us by being taught His word.**

### **4. God forms us by responding to the joy of the Lord in saving us.**