

Sermon 1/23/22

“One”

Bible Readings:

Nehemiah 8: 1-3

1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

- Re-Read the Scripture for this week.

- What is your favorite number? When called for, what number do you choose most often?
 - Why?

- Do you realize God chose Israel out of grace, that they didn't have to make up a bunch of rules to follow to be His chosen people?
 - How do you see your relationship with God?
 - Rules Follower? There are many things you must and mustn't do to be a follower of God, you need follow them all to a T, or God will not love you.
 - Love Junkie? God is love, and therefore you can do anything you want and God will still love you. God is a big cuddly teddy bear that wants to give the entire world a great big hug!
 - Rebel/Law Breaker? God wants to forgive me, so the more I do that needs forgiving the more I please Him. It doesn't matter what I do, God will always let me get away with stuff because I'm His kid.

- When we break the relationship with God often we bring about our own “Babylonian Invasion”.
 - Do you see this as God's Wrath?
 - Do you see this as our own doing for breaking the relationship?
 - What do you feel like you need to do to bring the relationship back to a better place? Can you do that, or is it up to God?

- Ezra read the Scripture for SIX hours! The people of Israel stood the entire time.
 - How do you treat the Word of God?

- With reverence or do you think it's something that doesn't matter?
- JD asked "could you stand for 6 hours?"
 - Why?
 - Why not?
- What gifts has God given you?
 - What gifts would you like to have?
- How do you treat others with gifts that are different than yours, or you don't understand?
 - Do you think yours are better?
 - Honestly?
- How can you help each other understand our differences? How can we change our trajectory to come together as opposed to pulling apart?
- JD talked about how famous people insure parts of their bodies for millions... what would you insure about yourself?
 - How much would God insure you for? In other words... how often are you serving God? Your hands? Your feet? Your voice?
- How will you live differently after hearing this message?