**02 May 2021** Finding Joy in God’s Word

Nehemiah 8:1-12; Ephesians 4:11-13

In Nehemiah 8:1-12, the people recently returned from the exile were deeply moved by hearing the scripture read and explained. What part of your engagement with scripture do you find compelling?

There was no New Testament during the time described in the New Testament. What new role were the emerging New Testament materials beginning to play in the life of the Church by the end of the story in Acts (2 Peter 3:14-16, 1 Cor 15:1-8, Luke 1:1-4)?

Why does Paul command Timothy to publically read the Old Testament (that’s all they had) in their church services (1 Timothy 4:13; Luke 24:25-27, 44-49; Matthew 5:17-20)?

The teaching ministry at Woodstock Covenant comes out from the Bible, which is an ancient document. How confident are you that the Bible speaks clearly to the issues of our day (Hebrews 4:12-13)?

How is your experience hearing the scripture read and taught as part of the congregation different that reading it alone? What value is there to hearing and learning together?

Describe a time when you found the Joy of the Lord interacting with his Word.