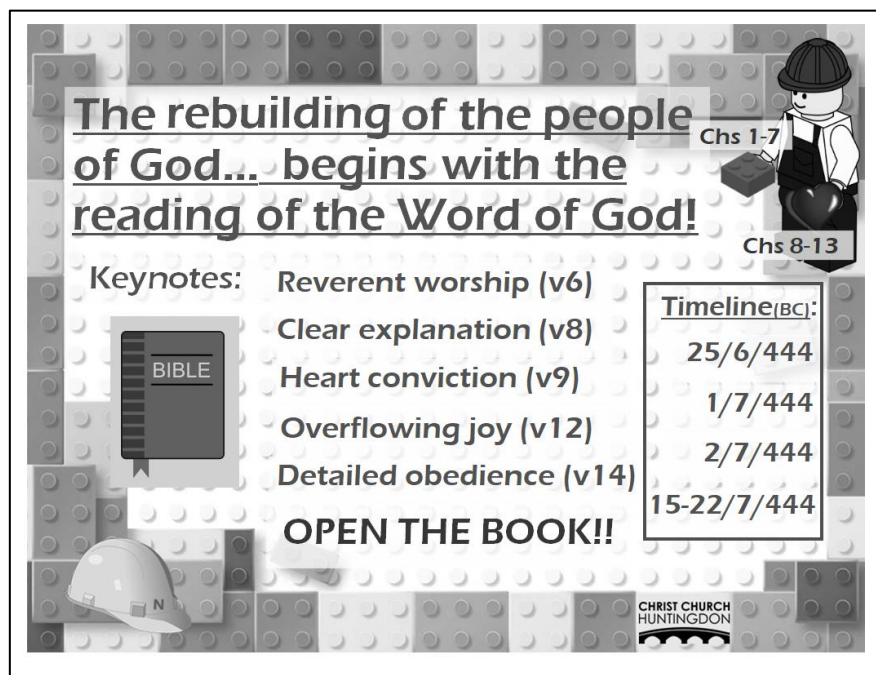


Dig Deeper into Nehemiah 8 for personal study and Life Groups...



Here are some questions to think more deeply about the passage from the sermon for yourself or in small groups this week...

1. As we move from phase 1 (ch1-8) focusing on the wall, into phase 2 (ch9-13) focusing on the renewal of the people, how might the second part of the book be relevant to us (feel free to flick ahead)?
2. Are you clear on the timeline of the chapter? When does each verse refer to? Which scene (or keynote on the diagram above) strikes you the most?
3. How can we avoid the twin dangers of:
 - a. Undervaluing the Word of God (*not opening the book!*)?
 - b. Failing to remember or obey God in all our Bible study (*not opening our hearts!*)?
4. Based on this chapter (and building on the recent Bible series at church), do you have any personal resolutions for how you can make the Word of God more central in your personal life? Or how we can promote it in church?

Resources, including several helpful articles about the coronavirus...

- 8 minute video by "The Bible Project" overviewing Ezra-Nehemiah.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkETkRv9tG8>
- Ask Pastor John <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/how-do-we-make-sense-of-the-coronavirus>
- Speak Life podcast on "plagues, pestilence and pandemics": <https://speaklife.org.uk/2020/03/10/slp289/>
- Co-Mission bible verses <https://co-mission.org/article/featured/facing-coronavirus-in-christ/>
- Excellent article by a friend of mine who is a church planter in Naples, Italy....
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/things-coronavirus-teach-us/>