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All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear[a] and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve." Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them. Day after day, from the first day to the last, Ezra read from the Book of the Law of God. They celebrated the festival for seven days, and on the eighth day, in accordance with the regulation, there was an assembly.

Nehemiah 8:1-6, 8-2, 18

Timeless Truths:

1. The Word of God is foundational to life.

*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words
will never pass away. Matthew 24:35*

2. The Word of God is powerful & purposeful.

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light
unto my path. Psalm 119:105*

3. God gave us His Word.

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Wellspring Kids Promotion "Sundae." Wellspring Kids will be celebrating the beginning of the new school year with Promotion "Sundae". K-5 kids, join us on August 1st for ice cream and all the toppings!

Upcoming Middle & High School Gatherings. Students promoting to grades 6-12 are invited to two student gatherings:

TODAY, Sunday, 25th @ 6pm at Main Event. Check out <https://wellspringchurch.com/students/> for more information.

Sunday, Aug 1st at 6:30 Palm Valley Community Center for a back-to-school student party -- details on the website and look for emails.