

Characteristics of Spiritual Hunger

Nehemiah 8:1-12

I. Unified Desire (vv. 1-3a)

A. _____

- (v. 1a) *And all the people gathered themselves together as one man...*

We need to ask ourselves:

1. _____?

- Psalm 42:1-2

- Psalm 63:1

2. _____?

- Psalm 119:40 *Behold, I have longed after thy precepts*

- Psalm 119:131 *I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.*

B. _____

- (v. 3b) *...the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.*

II. Respectful Hearts (vv. 5-6)

A. _____

- (v. 5) *And Ezra opened the book ...all the people stood up*

- I Thessalonians 2:13

B. _____

- (v. 6) *...they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.*

III. Full of Emotion (vv. 9-12)

A. _____

- (v. 9b) *For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.*

- (v. 10b) *...neither be ye sorry*

- (v. 11) *...neither be ye grieved.*

❖ When was the last time I _____?

- II Corinthians 7:9-10

B. _____

- (v. 12) *And all the people went their way...to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.*

❖ When was the last time I _____?
_____?