

## The Importance of God's Word

The Word of God is profound. It is **important** because it **teaches** and **instructs** His people. Word is truth and instructs man on *what he should rightly do*. Man knows in his sinful heart that he needs a word from God. Without that Word, man is **lost** and does not do what God requires of him; he finds himself **disobedient** to the Word of God to his peril.

### Nehemiah 8. 1-3

I. Why God's Word is so important to His people. 8.1-4

II. Why God's Word is taught to His people 8.7

III. Why God's Word instructs His people 8.14

### Characteristics of true expository preaching/teaching:

- takes and systematically explains the text in the general order and context in which it appears.
- preaches/teaches through chapters, sections and books of the Bible.
- allows the text to determine both the content and structure of the message derived from it.
- is not topical but many topics will be covered in due time as the Word is unfolded.
- is true to the original meaning of the text.
- uses illustrations and examples that are biblical and relevant
- seeks to apply the principles and truths drawn from the text to the needs to the contemporary audience
- exhorts and challenges people to respond in obedience to the message of God's Word

Who, what, when, where, why, how? ... Ask these questions of the following passages...

- 1Timothy 4.13
- 2 Timothy 4.2
- Matthew 28:19-20a

How do these Scriptures support our study this morning?