

**SERMON SERIES:** Nehemiah  
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## ***Key Line***

Truth - the baseline for rebuilding.

## ***Introduction***

What was the point of Jason's yardstick discussion?

What is the measure for truth in our culture? What is the result?

In what areas in your life is it challenging to stay focused on truth and not feelings?

## ***Seek the Word***

Since our last reading in Nehemiah, the rebuilding of the wall has been completed (6:15) and the people have gathered and taken a census (Chapter 7).

Read chapter 8 for today's discussion.

Describe the setting and the events..

What is the response of the people as Ezra reads God's Word to them?

Why do you think they are weeping and mourning?

What results from their understanding of the law?

## ***Talk About It***

How is your time in the Word? How do you respond to it?

Use Jason's 4 talking points to check your baseline.

1. Show up - What would that mean beyond coming to church?

How do you "show up" in getting to know Jesus through the Word?

2. Lean forward - How do you respond to the reading of the Bible?

Would people who know you well think of you as someone who is excited or stirred by the Word of God?

3. Take action - When God teaches you something in His Word, how can you demonstrate that new level of understanding?

Can you share some examples of ways you have demonstrated this in your own life?

4. Smile - God is good - Why smile? What does your level of joy have to do with God's purpose in your life?

Over the past few weeks you have been sharing about the areas in your lives that need rebuilding. How's it going? Are you struggling to keep Jesus the cornerstone? Does your baseline need work?

## ***Bible Reading Plan***

Join us as a church family as we read through the Old and New Testaments. Download the reading plan at [calvary.ch/readthebible/](http://calvary.ch/readthebible/) or on the Calvary.ch App