

The Bible

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BRF BIBLE SUNDAY

The Bible readings

Nehemiah 8:1-4a; 8-12

The Law is read to the people and explained, evoking first tears and then joy

Key points:

- *The ministers read and explained the scripture.*
- *The people listened attentively.*
- *They absorbed its message.*
- *It led them to two responses: repentance for past failures, and celebration for present blessing.*

Psalms 119:9-16

The treasures of the scriptures

Colossians 3:12-17

The 'Word of Christ' at work in the church community

Key points:

- *The context of their study was not duty but love (v. 14).*
- *Peace and gratitude were to be the hallmarks of their gatherings and of their common life.*
- *The word of Christ was to dwell in them richly, enabling them to help each other grow in faith.*
- *Their study was accompanied by worship and the singing of praise to God.*
- *All they did was to be done 'in the name of the Lord Jesus', with gratitude to God the Father.*

Matthew 24:30-35

The words that Jesus spoke will outlive the earth and the skies

