# "THE PEOPLE HAD AMIND TO WORK"

> NEHEMIAH 4:6 <

2022 CONGREGATIONAL THEME

# "The People Had a Mind to Work..."

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And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

# A MIND TO WORK...

# On Hearing God's Word

# The Purpose of Bible Study

- John 5:39-40
- Mark 4:1-12
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 20-25
- 1 Kings 19:11-13
- Job 28
- 2 Timothy 3:14-17

# **Understanding What The Bible Is**

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT | 39 BOOKS

#### **NARRATIVE PROPHECY** WRITINGS **PENTATEUCH\*** JOB **MAJOR** ISAIAH **GENESIS PSALMS** EXODUS **PROVERBS** JEREMIAH **ECCLESIASTES EVITICUS EZEKIEL NUMBERS** SONG OF SONGS DANIEL DEUTERONOMY LAMENTATIONS MINOR HOSEA JOSHUA **AMOS** RUTH OBADIAH 1&2 SAMUEL JONAH 1&2 KINGS MICAH **1&2 CHRONICLES** NAHUM EZRA-NEHEMIAH HABAKKUK **ESTHER** ZEPHANIAH HAGGAI ZECHARIAH MALACHI

#### THE NEW TESTAMENT | 27 BOOKS

GOSPELS	NARRATIVE	LETTERS	PROPHECY/LETTER
MATTHEW		PAUL→CHURCHES	REVELATION
MARK		ROMANS	
LUKE	ACTS	1 CORINTHIANS	
JOHN		2 CORINTHIANS	
		GALATIANS	
		EPHESIANS	
		PHILIPPIANS	
		COLOSSIANS	
		1 THESSALONIANS	
		2 THESSALONIANS	
		PAUL->INDIVIDUALS	
		1 TIMOTHY	
		2 TIMOTHY	
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OAT	- 10	HEBREWS	
3:15	-18	JAMES	
		1 PETER	
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#### THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

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<sup>\* &#</sup>x27;Pentateuch' = the first five books of the Old Testament

[44] Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." [45] Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, [46] and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, [47] and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

### Luke 24:44-47

[27] And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

[32] They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

[11] Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. [12] For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

# How to Work on Hearing God's Word

## 1. Pray for help.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" (James 1:5-8).

# 2. Approach the text strategically.

## 3. Engage with the text personally.

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night" (Psalm 1:1-2).

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

## Isaiah 55:1-3