Unite

For Such A Time As This

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Series Thread: In times of UNCERTAINTY, God calls His people to CLARITY.

Message Thread: We are the Church; we are people of His word.

Key Text: Nehemiah 8:1-18 NLT

God's word provided hungry people the clarity of God's heart for them.

- What does God make clear to me about Himself?
- What does God make clear to me about me?
- What does God make clear about how I live in this world of uncertainty?
- They wanted to please Him with their obedience.
- What kind of relationship has God initiated with me?

"All the people listened closely to the Book of the Law."

How closely are we listening to the voice of God as His words speak to us?

Nehemiah 8:4-8 NLT

- Deep respect for God's words to them.
- Will I be helped?

Nehemiah 8:9-12 NLT

• Clarity brings so many emotions.

Nehemiah 8:13-14 NLT

• Didn't know what they didn't know.

Nehemiah 9:1-3 NLT

- They made time and place to present their hearts to God.
 - Confessed their sin, individually and in community.
 - o Confessed their worship, individually and in community.
 - The Word of God washed over their minds and hearts, individually and in community.
- There is a vision within THE vision.

An assessment was necessary:

Nehemiah 10:37-39 NLT

• The people of God sacrificed things they loved, for THE thing they loved even more. The strength of God's mission and work for their generation.

New Testament:

• 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT

Challenge: In an uncertain world...

- **Churchwide Vision**: "For such a time as this." Let's embrace our mission together to look to close the 20% gap.
 - We seek clarity to know our resources as a CHURCH.
- Personal Vision: Let's UNITE for such a time as this, experience God together through our Prayer Challenge for these 40 days and set a time and place for reading God's word.
 - O What will I bring?
 - March 27th I'll make my 2-year pledge, closing the 20% gap totaling about \$650,000.
 - First Fruits Offering.
 - Everything above and beyond this will go towards facility projects that are needed as we move forward.

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