



Week Eight – Nehemiah: 52 Days

CONNECT

- If you had a do over, if and what would you redo? Why would you redo this moment?
- Recall a time when you were young and you messed up, but were surprised by the outcome. What happened?

WORD

Nehemiah 9:1-32 (NIV)

Entire chapter.

THOUGHT

Sometimes we do not understand the full extent of our actions until it is much too late. Suddenly we are left to deal with the consequences of our actions. Today, our world is dealing with the decisions of the generations before us. Our world is in turmoil as we decide what the fate of our future will hold and what is to come of the future generations. In Nehemiah 9, the Israelites are presented with a similar circumstance. With complete guidance of their leaders, the Israelites turn to God, confessing, repenting and seeking His heal their land.

DISCUSSION

1. In what sense and to what degree should we confess the sins of our fathers (Neh. 9:2)? What does this mean?

2. How did God use His “Spirit” to speak to the people?

3. How would you summarize the history of the Jewish nation, as it is presented in Nehemiah chapter 9?

4. One popular author argues that if we view ourselves as sinners, we will sin more. Why is he mistaken? Where is the right balance between seeing ourselves both as righteous in Christ and yet “the chief of sinners”? Describe a time when you gave into temptation and compromised your integrity. How did that experience impact you?

PRAYER

- Spend time seeking the Lord, repenting and thanking Him for His forgiveness and mercy.
- Find someone to share with all that God has done and saved you from. Spend time praying with each other about what God has done.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Revival affects every area of our lives: personal, family, social, professional, business, church, etc. Spend some time praying for revival.
- Take some time and reflect on God’s faithfulness and goodness to you in your life. Jot down on a piece of paper how God has been faithful to you and your family. Pause and give praise to Him. Thank Him for your job, your promotions, your achievements, and your family. Give Him glory.