

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

Knowing the Word

Before we jump into applying the Word to our lives, we need to make sure we have a right interpretation of the Word through Holy Spirit-empowered observation and interpretation. Pause to pray and ask God to help us as we look at His Word together.

It is good for God's people not just to gather together but to gather together around His Word. That's a big part of what our life groups are about and that's actually what we see happening in **Nehemiah 9**.

What does Nehemiah 9 reveal to us about God?
(don't get creative...just look at the text and read what it says!)

What does Nehemiah 9 reveal to us about humans?

What affect did these truths have on the people who were gathered in Jerusalem in 445BC?

Applying the Word

Look at **Nehemiah 9:1-5** and notice the connection between reading the Word of God, confessing sin, and worshipping God. How have you noticed the connection between those things play out in your own life?

Nehemiah 9:6-31 is a great summary of the Old Testament. Why do you think it's important for followers of Jesus under the new covenant to read the Old Testament?

What has been your personal experience with the Old Testament?

How has it shaped your understanding of and worship of God?

In **Nehemiah 9:32-37**, the people know that God is awesome and they know that they deserve to be in their current challenging situation. What would it look like for us as God's people to have that same attitude today?

What difference does it make for us now that we're on this side of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus?



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What We See All Throughout Scripture Nehemiah 9

NEHEMIAH

COMING BACK AND BUILDING UP

The new year has begun and perhaps one of your goals is to read the Bible more this year. We don't just read the Bible for information and we don't use a Bible reading plan so we can enjoy making checkmarks when we complete a portion of Scripture. We read in order to see God and ourselves more clearly.

In Nehemiah 9, we will see how God's people look back through the storyline of Scripture and are led to confess sin and worship God. In our day, on this side of the cross, we need to do the same.

SERMON NOTES

Big Idea:

In reading Scripture, God's people see a repeated pattern of our sin and God's mercy that leads us to confession and worship.

God's People Assemble to Read and Respond to God's Word in 445BC

Nehemiah 9:1-5

God and His People in Genesis-Deuteronomy

Nehemiah 9:6-21

God and His People in Joshua-Judges and Beyond

Nehemiah 9:22-31

God and His People in 445BC

Nehemiah 9:32-38

God and His People Reading and Responding to His Word in 2021AD

Application: 5 Things We Learn about God and Ourselves

Read and Pray Ahead
Nehemiah 10-11

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Knowing Each Other

It's been a long time since our life groups were together. Perhaps your group has some new people. One of the key components of our life groups is connection with one another as family in Christ. We need each other! Take some extra time tonight to get to know one other.

Leaders, feel free to come up with your own corny question or cheesy game to help your group get to know each other (but be nice to the new people!)

Now let's dig a bit deeper...

Why are small gatherings like a life group important for you?

The Last 10 months

3: Describe the last 10 months for you in 3 words.

2: What were 2 good gifts from God to you in that time?

1: What was 1 thing you struggled with in that time?

How have you seen God at work in your life over these past months?

Would there be 2-3 people in the group who would give God thanks and pray for one another in light of some of the things you all just shared with each other?