



## May 21, 2023 Reflection

### Nehemiah 9

Summary – God’s people can’t get enough of His Word. After a six hour sermon and seven day Bible camp in chapter eight, they go for another 3 hours. Their study morphs into a prayer that is packed with praise, theology, history, confession and an exceptional window into the Heavenly Father’s glorious character.

Scripture – Nehemiah 9:1-37; 1 Corinthians 5:33; Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 30:12-18, 57:17-19; Romans 4:17, 19, 9:25-26

### Community Group Questions:

(There is no obligation to discuss every question/quotation)

#### Get Serious (Nehemiah 9:1-2)

- In verses 1-2 we see the Israelites getting “serious” about their relationship with God. What does a “serious” relationship with God look like to you?
- To have a serious relationship with God we need to “be a thermostat, not a thermometer.”

#### A Changed Appetite (Nehemiah 9:3)

- “Whatever you do becomes what you desire.”
- “God gave us the ability to control our appetites.”

#### Prayer (Nehemiah 9:6-15)

- What’s the value of starting your prayers with praise?
- Why is Genesis 1:1 so important in believing that God can answer any prayer?
- God’s mercy was the answer to every one of their problems. How does God’s mercy affect your prayers and problems?
- Why does reconciliation require repentance, confession, and truth?

#### A Great View of God (Nehemiah 9:16-18,26-29)

- What are the challenges/benefits of admitting you’ve failed?
- What were your thoughts of Matt’s chair illustration?
- “God is continually pursuing us. You didn’t find Jesus, Jesus found you.”
- “The one who knows you the best, loves you the most.”