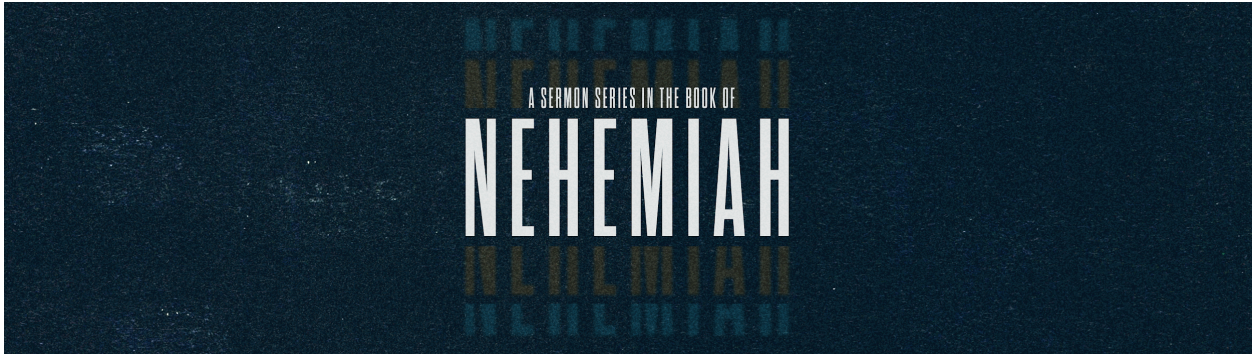


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## Nehemiah 9:1-38

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### **Explore - *Take time to think through the text/sermon.***

Take some time to listen to the sermon before you engage your Missional Community.

- What was the “Big Idea” for this sermon?
- Can you identify the major points from the sermon?
- Was there anything that the Spirit revealed throughout the sermon that you need to further engage?
- Did you find yourself needing to confess anything on the way to communion?

### **Experience - *Try to engage the text in a practical way BEFORE you gather.***

There are a few themes that are presented in this text. Let’s try to find them.

Write out how each of the following themes are seen in this passage.

- Consider the response of the Israelites. Write out what it might feel like to be in captivity. Think about last week’s response.
  - What would it have felt like to see God be faithful to Israel coming out of Egypt and now being faithful to them as they come out of Babylonian exile?
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- The command for “Feast of Booths” was to respond through Joyful Generosity to your house and to outsiders. Why do you think there was such a call to generosity? (Write out all the ways this is “storyformed”.)

**Evaluate - QUESTIONS:**

***Time to discuss as a community DURING your M.C. gathering.***

*“What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace.” - John Wesley*

With the above quote in mind, do you see evidence of this taking place in our history? What sin(s) have you/we tolerated that you see the next generation embracing?

What is the difference between confession and repentance?

Do you struggle to confess sins to God? To others? How often do you lean into the Lord for strength recognizing your need of Him?

Do you have any sin that you have let linger in your life that could devour you?

How do you handle repenting to other people who you sin against?

Pastor David spoke about his dogs and vomit...Though not fun to imagine, the illustration did land well as it pointed to the realization that we return to our sin and even look to other sins to give us what only Jesus provides. Retell this illustration for those who were not there and talk about times where you have chased after...vomit.

Peter said at Pentecost to repent and be baptized for salvation. We are saved by grace alone through faith, but there are acts of obedience that we are to take. Do you struggle with repentance (putting sin to death)?

Have you questioned whether you should be baptized? If you are a born again Christian, have you followed through with believer’s baptism? What is holding you back?

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**Equip - Train Others as you GATHER for when you SCATTER.**

**Gospel Application:**

What gospel thread can you see in the text for this week? How can you share the Gospel with one another to encourage each other before you end your gathered time together?

**Get Connected:**

Check out the upcoming events in the weekly email.

**Quote of the day:**

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**Capital Campaign update:**

1/1/2022 - 5/31/2025 (68% completed)

Pledge Goal: \$675,000

Total Pledged: \$740,898.80 (Average Pledged Amount: \$10,012.15)

Total Pledge Given: \$491,012.75

Total Balance of Pledge Remaining: \$249,886.05

Total non-Pledge Giving: \$89,043.51 (Average donation by non-Pledge Donations: \$226.57)

Number of non-Pledge donations: 393

Total Given to Campaign (Pledge and non-Pledge): \$598,356.26

Total Needed to Complete Pledge Balance with all giving: \$142,542.54

Number of Pledge Families: 74

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Number of Pledge Families Not Given To Date: 2 (Oliver Franz & Elliot Franz)

Number of Pledge Families at 100%: 9

Number of Pledge Families at 68% or better to their pledge: 15

Number of Pledge Families not on track (less than 68% to their pledge): 50