



## **When Revival Breaks Out Nehemiah 9-10**

### **What does the Bible teach?**

Dealing with sin is an intentional act. (v. 1)

We must own our wrongs. (v. 2)

Revivals never happen by accident. (v. 3-5)

God is good and faithful even when we are not. (v. 16-21, 31, 33)

Commitment to faithful obedience follows repentance. (v. 38, 10:1, 28-29)

### **How should I respond?**

Own your sin and intentionally deal with it.

Commit to be faithful to the Lord.

Get excited about Jesus.

*For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
You will not be pleased with burnt offering.  
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
Psalm 51:16-17*



## When Revival Breaks Out Group Discussion

### 1. What does the passage say?

What is the writer ultimately trying to communicate to his readers? What issue is the writer addressing?

### 2. What did this passage mean to its original audience?

How would a 1st Century Christ-follower receive this message?

### 3. What does this passage tell us about God?

Explain what you understand about God from the text. Is that a new idea or truth for you?

### 4. What does this passage tell us about man?

In your own words share what this passage encourages us to do to follow Jesus more fully and faithfully?

### 5. What does this passage demand of me?

Personally speaking, what areas of living in relationship with Jesus do you need to address?  
How should you live in light of what this passage says?

### 6. How does this passage change the way I relate to people?

What does this passage communicate about the need for grace and humility in community with others? Whom should I invite to seek Jesus?

### 7. What does this passage prompt me to pray to God?

Are you in need of forgiveness or repentance?  
Do you need to intercede for others?  
Do you need an "extra measure" of faith to follow Jesus or engage the community and world?

## Nehemiah 9

Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. 2 And the Israelites[a] separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. 3 And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the Lord their God. 4 On the stairs of the Levites stood Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani; and they cried with a loud voice to the Lord their God. 5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

16 "But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey your commandments. 17 They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.

29 And you warned them in order to turn them back to your law. Yet they acted presumptuously and did not obey your commandments, but sinned against your rules, which if a person does them, he shall live by them, and they turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck and would not obey. 30 Many years you bore with them and warned them by your Spirit through your prophets. Yet they would not give ear. Therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. 31 Nevertheless, in your great mercies you did not make an end of them or forsake them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.

32 "Now, therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love, let not all the hardship seem little to you that has come upon us, upon our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria until this day. 33 Yet you have been righteous in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly.

38 "Because of all this we make a firm covenant in writing; on the sealed document are the names of our princes, our Levites, and our priests.