

Bible study for the week starting November 1, 2026

Everyone has a past …and many of us have a story. Sometimes that past is checkered and many times that story is filled with brokenness…

God loves to build with broken things and transform rubble into restored. Maybe you've heard of "card board testimonies" of God moving people from one thing to another… What is your testimony of where you were and where you are now….Who gets the credit for your transformation? (SDG- to God Alone be the glory) Why is giving God the credit so important?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read Nehemiah 9:1-8

¼ of the Day reading scripture and ¼ of the day confessing and worship. This is a regular revival meeting. Have you ever had an experience like this that was a day filled with worship? What do we learn about the character of God from the beginning on this prayer?

2. Read Nehemiah 9:9-21

Count how many times in this prayer it is said (YOU GAVE) and then followed up by how God's people responded (They…./we…..) to God's continued giving.

3. Read Nehemiah 9:22-31

While it is important to recognize your history…how important is it to understand that we are a product of that? Not just that "my father's sinned… but my father's sins have impact on me." Where does this lead us? What does collective repentance look like today?

4. Read Nehemiah 9:32-38

What was the recognition of where they are now? Where are you now? Have you been set free only to find yourself in slavery? Read Romans 12:1-2. Where is God transforming you? Where are you conforming?

PRAY

Pray that God would continually transform you from where you are to where he is leading and guiding you through an honest assessment of self and a repentance met with forgiveness from Jesus.



"WE ARE ALL BEGGARS"

Nehemiah 9; Romans 12:1-2; John 9:2-11

November 1, 2026 - Pastor Ben Schrank

There are times for FEASTING and times for FASTING.

Separation without confession is ISOLATION…confession without separation is HYPOCRISY.

Grace is FREE but it's not CHEAP.

¼ of a day in the WORD and ¼ of the day in REPENTANCE.

1) **The Word magnifies GOD'S WORK resulting in praise.**
2) **The Word works as a MIRROR and shows us our sin.**
3) **When the Word lives in our hearts it creates REPENTANCE.**

"In failing to confess, Lord, I would only HIDE You from myself, not myself from You."
- St. Augustine

The Word can INFORM a person, REFORM a kingdom, and TRANSFORM the world.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the RENEWAL of your MIND, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

The Lord brought you from _____ to _____?

"We are all BEGGARS. This is true." - Martin Luther

"Let the SAINTS be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;" Psalm 149:5-6 KJV

For next week, please read Nehemiah 10.