



Restore Part 9
Nehemiah Chapter 9

LifeGroup Discussion Guide

For the week of 7/31/2022

[1] What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.

[2] How did the Israelites respond to hearing God's word? What prepared their hearts for this response?

[3] Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "We have to make the same decision the Israelites made at the Water Gate—what role does the word of God play in our lives and how are we going to respond to it." Why or why not?

[4] Verses 6-30 examines a history of failure on the part of God's people—it is also a history of God's intervening grace. Why was it important for the Israelites to break these old patterns of rebellion towards God if they were going to move forward as the people of God? How do our own patterns of sin hinder God's Kingdom and our personal lives?

[5] Israel was caught in a cycle of receiving God's peace and blessings then taking God for granted which led to rebellion. God would send them a wake-up call of judgement leading to the Israelites crying out to God in repentance. God would deliver them and then they would repeat the cycle over again. What patterns in Christians lives today might lead them to take God for granted and move away from obedience to him?

[6] Israel's sin cycle eventually led to a negative spiral (see book of Judges) where they became so depraved God could not leave them in the land which precipitated the exile. What makes sin never enough, always hungry, and always growing if it is not dealt with?

[7] Which patterns in your own life (work, family, relationship, spiritual development) help you grow and succeed in life? Which patterns seem unhealthy, unproductive, or sinful? What steps do you need to take to work on the areas that need attention?

[8] What role does God's grace, word and people play in helping us overcome patterns in our lives that bring us down?