



NEHEMIAH

Christ will build his Church

God delights in rescuing and transforming sinners – Nehemiah 8,9 and 10
May 22, 2022

Genuine repentance focuses less on us and more on who God is and what he has done for us.

Join us as Bob McCan opens up Nehemiah 8, 9 and 10 and shows us what is required for genuine repentance and how it leads to worship.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What was your understanding of repentance before hearing Sunday's message and has it changed?
- Bob described penance in the Catholic church as 'keeping God off your back'. Do you ever feel this way when you approach God to repent and if so, why?
- Consider Psalm 51, (which was written by David after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba), how do we see genuine repentance here?
- "True repentance must trust in God's character, his goodness, mercy and grace more than any resolve we have to change" – What's aspects of God's character and perfections amaze you? Does this impact your repentance?
- As we reflect on the goodness and mercy of God in spite of our sinfulness, are there any verses that come to mind that prompt you to praise?