



## CG DISCUSSION GUIDE

### What We Do With Our Sin

<i>Worship</i>	<i>Study</i>	<i>Pray</i>
<p><i>Hangout + Wins</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Did you invite someone to church this past week? How did it go? How can we be praying for it to continue to go well or to go better next time?</li><li>• Share any other wins this week or answers to prayer from previous times you have prayed together.</li></ul> <p><i>Worship</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pick at least one song to worship with together.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Here is one in case you don't find one in time.</li><li>◦ <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkUoZ4NJb-w">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkUoZ4NJb-w</a></li></ul></li></ul>	<p><b>Ezra 9-10</b></p> <p><i>Introduction:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I recommend that every leader watch this. You can speed it up on YouTube, but it is VERY helpful. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1ded0rng0U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1ded0rng0U</a></li><li>• Specifically for this lesson, look at this article: <a href="https://www.academia.edu/29651185/Ezra_Nehemiah_Reconsidered_Aiming_the_Canon_at_Godly_Leaders">https://www.academia.edu/29651185/Ezra_Nehemiah_Reconsidered_Aiming_the_Canon_at_Godly_Leaders</a></li><li>• How does this story make you feel? And what do you <i>think</i> about it based on what you know from the rest of the scriptures?</li></ul> <p><i>What does this text teach us about ourselves?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are the good things done in this passage?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ The method of</li></ul></li></ul>	<p><i>Pray</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pray for Don and Judy Day in Valencia, Spain who participate in Evangelism &amp; Care Ministry. Pray for their ministry called Esperanza Nueva where they set up a fellowship &amp; food program for homeless &amp; families in need.</li><li>• Pray for each others' needs.</li></ul> <p><i>Apply</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How are you going to deal with your sin going forward? Discuss either what Brandi talked about in the message or discuss new ideas about how the scriptures discuss how we are to deal with sin.</li></ul>



	<p>hermeneutics is similar to what we do now with our scriptures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The attempt to recognize their sin (was it sin?) and then repented well.</li><li>○ Ezra didn't act alone but sought the advice of the leaders.</li><li>○ Maintaining their identity?? Good?? Bad?? Unsure??</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● What are some things that may have been misguided?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Were they really supposed to not get married to any foreigners according to the Torah? (Yes, but only for the Exodus, so they are trying to copy that exact same thing after the exile).</li><li>○ The statute of limitations for not intermarrying was 10 generations. And in Nehemiah 9 it says they are LIKE these dirty nations from many centuries before. I'm not saying it is right or wrong, but I'm saying it is ambiguous.</li></ul></li><li>● How does it sound that the leaders TOOK wives to marry them?</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Brandi suggests that this is wrong because it is sexual immorality more than intermarrying.</li><li>● Leadership were the worst of them (9:3)</li></ul> <p><i>What does this text teach us about God?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Why do you think God allowed this to happen? What does this teach us about God if he is a Good God?</li><li>● End by talking about the fact that the Bible isn't always full of clear, crisp answers. It causes us to think about it and debate it and then think "what would I do in that situation?" And "what should I do in my own situation? What wisdom can I gain from this story?" Rather than, "This is exactly what we should always do in every situation, everywhere, forever."</li></ul>	
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