

Small Group Study Guide
“Foundations For Revival: Repentance”
Nehemiah 9:1-37 **Pastor Mark Kilcup**

Relate

Have you ever received an apology from someone that didn't seem genuine? What made it feel that way? What could have been said or done to make it feel more genuine?

Review

Scan through Nehemiah 9 and write observations in two columns—the first, characteristics we learn about God's goodness and grace. The second, disobedience and failure.

What brought about the confession and repentance of the nation of Israel?

Why were they confessing the sins of their forefathers as their own?

Was God justified in treating them the way that He did? Did they deserve His patience?

Would you be able to conclude that God was just, like the Israelites did in verse 38?

Dig

Look at the following examples of confession and repentance. How does each express God's character: His goodness, grace, and righteous standard? What consequences were realized? In what ways did each respond well, respond poorly?

Balaam's donkey—Numbers 22:9-40

Joseph & Brothers—Genesis 45

David—2 Samuel 12:7-14

Jonah—Jonah 1-2

Peter—Luke 22:54-62 and John 21:9-19

Paul—Acts 9

Live

Read a section of Nehemiah then spend time praying—praising God for His work and character. Also pray for anything that relates to you and your sin.