

May 27, 2018

**“Reviving a Rebel”**  
Nehemiah 9

**Ice Breaker:**

Share a time when you have been awestruck by the stars, God’s creation? (Read Psalm 19:1-2)

What was the most moving worship service you have ever experienced? What made it so powerful?

**Read: Have someone give a summary of Nehemiah 9**

1. What is necessary for a person to get right with God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What does repentance mean?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The people began their prayer by reflecting on God’s character. (Verse 5ff) What truths of God mean most to you right now during this time of your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why do you think it was so important for the Levites to recall back the history of the Jewish people during their prayer?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What memories do you have of God’s care for you even when you were in a cycle of disobedience?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. If you were to write your spiritual history, in what ways would it be like Israel’s? How would it differ?

**Pray with each other focus on confession:**

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Some people could care less about history. They didn't like it in school and find it impractical for real living today. But in I Corinthians 10:11 Paul writes, “Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction . . .” What happened to the Israelites is a message for our instruction today. Their story, of indifference and rebellion, is our story. So too is God's story of His grace and faithfulness toward them (and us).

We all have a bit of rebel in us. What will it take to break free?

1. Our problem. (We're stuck in the crazy cycle.)

2. See it.

3. See God.

### **Next step**

Evaluate: Write down your spiritual history. In what ways is it similar to Israel's?

Think of your most recent fear, sin, doubt. Ask yourself: *Could the cause have been due to a lie I was believing about God?*