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Renewal through repentance - Nehemiah 9-10

Growth Group Questions

If possible read through all of Nehemiah chapter 9 and pray that God would be at work by his Spirit during your time together (or alternatively read chapter 9 verses 1-3 & chapter 10 verses 28-32).

1. Imagine a friend coming to speak to you about struggling in their walk with Jesus. They feel stuck, He feels distant, they are full of doubts and are tempted to give in. What advise would you give them?
2. The building of the walls in Jerusalem was never the end game of Nehemiah's work. He wanted to see renewal of the people as well as the city. They had been through a hard season. This section of the book helps us see how they (and we also) may be renewed in faith. In chapter 8 they had parted as they listened to God's Word (look for example at 8:12). How has the mood changed at the beginning of chapter 9.
3. Read through verses 1-3 - what strikes you about the initial steps they take towards renewal?



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4. The long prayer form verse 5 onwards recounts the history of God and his people through Old Testament history. Look for example at verses 26-28. What do we learn about:
 - God?
 - His people?

5. Why do you think it's so important to see both God and ourselves rightly if we are to be renewed?

6. How might you reflect more on God's goodness and your sinfulness? What would you say to someone that says it will do you no good to consider your sinfulness?

7. What do God's people do collectively at the end of chapter 9? What would it look like for you to recommit to following God? Are there specific things you would want to recommit/commit to doing and not doing?

Do make some time to pray for one another and what God has been teaching you in His Word.