



INTRODUCTION

The people of God confess their sin and rehearse God's abundant mercy. They then ask for God's mercy once more.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **Nehemiah 9:6-37**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?

REVIEW

- Why begin a prayer of confession with God as creator?
- List what God did for his people from this passage?
- What do you learn about sin from this passage?
- What do you learn about God from this passage?

APPLICATION

- How does this passage impact you?
- How does going over the history of Israel help us to ponder our own sinfulness? Do we sometimes blame Israel for their stubborn sinfulness, while overlooking the fact that we are the same? Discuss.
- Is God pleased or offended when we appeal to Him for mercy? Discuss.
- How can God be righteous while giving mercy to the guilty?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs