



## INTRODUCTION

The people of God have not only confessed their sin, they repent. They pursue repentance together, as a people, through a covenant with one another.

## 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 9:38; 10:28-39**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?
- What parallels do you see between this covenant and HBC's covenant.

## REVIEW

- What is a covenant (9:38)?
- Why are they entering a covenant?
- Why do the leaders sign the covenant?
- What specifically do they vow?
- What do they mean by "entering into a curse" (10:29)?

## APPLICATION

- Why do they come together and make public and specific vows? Why not stay home and everyone makes a private and general commitment to obey God during their quiet time?
- What is the value of a congregation reading their covenant together?
- Does your conscience require you to observe the Sabbath? If so, why? If not, why not?
- Have you experienced rest in Jesus? How do you feel about His call for all who labor and are heavy laden to go to Him for rest for their souls (Matt 11:28-29)?
- How does the idea that believers together are the temple of the Holy Spirit affect your attitude toward the church?
- What are the reasons a Christian should support the work of the ministry financially through a local church?

## 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