

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements

Week of 10/30/22

DISCUSSION: [Nehemiah 9; 10:38-39](#)

(Discuss the question cluster below - as much or as little as works for your group)

\*Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally\*

*We're in a sermon series in the book of Nehemiah called, "A Time to Rebuild." Through it, we're focusing on the ways we, as individuals and as a church, can rebuild after the past 2+ years of transition and challenges. And we'll do so in confidence that God will be the one rebuilding us as we go.*

*I. This week, our passage (Neh. 9:1-38; 10:28-29) continued our look at how God is starting to rebuild not just the walls, but his people. We looked at: 1) The Importance of story for rebuilding and 2) The Contours of Ch.9's story. The sermon helped us see how story helps us confess in a way where we know grace and truth more fully, being able to see God at work in our story. It also helped us see how Jesus is the climax of God's gracious story of running after us, even when we run away from him. Let's discuss how these ideas impact our lives.*

*A. What connected with you from the sermon or from the passage?*

*B. What was interesting or helpful to you about the importance of looking at the story of our lives and our sin for helping us confess and be spiritually rebuilt?*

*1. How could seeing yourself as part of God's story help your practice or experience of confession?*

*C. What story do you find yourself living out of today or this week? Is it the gospel story, where there is grace and God's love and power given even to sinners? Or does love only come to those who work hard for it and don't make big mistakes?*

*1. Are there ways where you're trying either consciously or subconsciously (like the people of Israel in 9:18 and the incident of Golden Calf) to reshape your story to exclude God's grace?*

*2. In what ways are you trying to keep the story of your life in your control rather than in God's?*

*D. How might life look different for you (i.e., in your hopes, your fears, your choices) if you believed Jesus will always come after you and bring you back from sins and failures?*

*1. What's one thing you could let go of or one thing you might start doing if you believed this was true?*