

NEHEMIAH

Chapter 9 - 4/14/19

OVERVIEW

Babe Ruth, one of the best major league baseball players of all time said, “the way a team plays as a whole determines its success.” Making the difference on a team, working hard shoulder to shoulder, and encouraging each other feels good because you are doing it together—ownership is shared. But when one person doesn’t see themselves as a part of that, or above or beneath that, it impacts the influence and strength of the team.

Scriptures: Nehemiah 9:1-3; 5-6; 9; 11; 15-17; 23; 26-27; and 37 (NIV); Galatians 4:4-7 (NIV); Matthew 12:46-50; Romans 12:4-5 (NIV); I Corinthians 12:25-27 (NIV)

APPLICATION

1. Are you your brother’s keeper? If yes, how do you live like you are? If no, why do you take this approach?
2. The Nation of Israel confessed, were moved by God to obey, and then fell from their obedience. It was a cycle of turning toward God over and over again. What prevented them from removing themselves from this cycle?
3. In Nehemiah 9, the people of Israel confess their collective sin. In the New Testament, Galatians 4:4-7 describes our adoption into the family of God. What do you think our membership in the family means for believers as we look at sin?
4. Jeremy made the statement that when one part of the body suffers the entire body suffers. Think about Blue Ridge...are there groups in our church body who might be suffering or ignored, and how might we respond to them?
5. Jeremy directed us to act in a couple different ways, based on Nehemiah: 1) Look for themes; 2) gather together to confess. What are a few themes you see in our group (BRCC specifically or Christians in America) that we might need to confess?

Homework: Have you looked at your personal sin in this manner before? This week write your personal sins that have impacted the corporate group. Ask God to forgive you for your sins.