

Sermon Discussion Questions

Brave Enough

Nehemiah 9

September 3, 2017

1. Labor Day Weekend marks the end of summer and the beginning of the ministry year. What did you like most about summer and what are you most looking forward to this ministry year?
2. The message was a little different on Sunday morning. If you could have (or maybe you did) proclaimed why God is good, what would you have said and why (Nehemiah 9:1-6)?
 - Read Psalms 148, 149, and 150 and draw out why the psalmist thinks God is good, but don't just read them, talk about them and why you agree or are uncertain, or even disagree with the psalmist's descriptions.
3. Nehemiah lead the congregation to confess the sins of their fathers (Nehemiah 9:16-31). This was the nation of Israel—God's chosen people. Maybe that is why Nehemiah and the Israelites felt such an affinity to them. Should we feel an affinity to the Christians that have gone before us, and own their sins like Nehemiah did? Why or why not? What would be some of those sins?
4. Go through Nehemiah 9:17-32 and remind each other what positive attributes of God are highlighted throughout those verses. Notice the contrast between the Israelites' behaviors and God's. What is your reaction to the descriptions of God and the behaviors of man? Figure out what you can relate to as you read about the ways the Israelites are described.
5. In the end, we were all asked to sign a commitment of repentance. Were you reluctant to sign it? Did you sign it? Why or why not?
6. How did you feel about the format of the service? What did you like about it? What did you not like or feel uncomfortable with?