

Nehemiah 9:1-37 - Our great sin and God's great mercy

1) Our great God (5-15)

- What do we learn about God in the beginning of this prayer?
- Why do you think they focus on creation and Israel's history?
- How do you think it might be helpful to begin confession with a focus on God and his greatness?

2) Our great sin (16-37)

- How do we see God's people responding to God's provision and kindness to them in these verses?
- Why do you think the prayer repeatedly contrasts God's faithfulness with Israel's unfaithfulness?
- How might 'owning' and 'naming' our sins be helpful for us in confession? Are there particular corporate sins this chapter of Nehemiah has brought to your mind?

3) God's great mercy

- Re-read v17b and v31. How are these key to God's mercy towards his people?
- How does God's repeated mercy point us to Christ?
- What should change in the way we pray, worship and live because of what we have seen here in Nehemiah 9?