



“Steps Toward Revival”

“And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the LORD their God.” – Nehemiah 9:3 (ESV)

Prayer of Confession (Nehemiah 9:6-31)

God’s greatness in creation, covenant, redemption (6-15)

The people’s hardening of their necks (16-17a)

God’s grace (17b)

The people’s idolatry (18)

God’s mercies (19-25)

The people’s disobedience (26)

God’s discipline and salvation (27)

The people’s evil (28a)

God’s deliverance (28b)

The people’s stiff necks (29)

God’s patience, judgment and mercy (30-31)

“Because of all this we make a firm covenant in writing; on the sealed document are the names of our princes, our Levites, and our priests.” – Nehemiah 9:38 (ESV)

“...enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God’s Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord and his rules and his statutes.” – Nehemiah 10:29 (ESV)

Three points of conviction for us:

1. We will preserve the holiness of the Sabbath.
2. We will protect the poor.
3. We will not neglect the house of our God.

Nehemiah Series / week 8

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Three parts to this Nehemiah 8-10 revival:

1. Preaching and hearing of the Word of God. (8)
2. Sorrow for sin and repentance. (9)
3. A change of life, formalized by the drafting and signing of a covenant. (10)

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” - 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV 1984)

These are our steps towards revival:

1. We must humble ourselves.
2. We must pray.
3. We must seek God’s face.
4. We must turn from our wicked ways.

Small Group Questions or Personal Reflection

1. When you come to a worship service at North Way, how does your expectation compare to that of Nehemiah 8:5-6?
2. Describe a time when you were convicted of sin in your life. What did you do? How did you act?
3. Read Nehemiah 10:28 – 39. Have you ever made such a written commitment? About what?
4. Concerning the Sabbath, discuss your schedule and commitment with your group.
5. Concerning financial giving to the church, discuss your commitment with the group and reasons for it.