

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Nehemiah 9

The Road to Restoration

Getting Started

Describe a time when you got lost ... seriously lost.

Digging In

1. **Read Neh 9.** Read it fairly quickly so that you can get an overview of the chapter. Write down your first impressions.
2. **Read vss 1-4.** Write a brief summary of this passage.
3. **Read vss 5-15.** List the various ways in which *God's greatness and goodness* are highlighted in these verses.
4. Write down the ways in which the Levites talk about *God's mercy* in **vss. 16-25**.
5. What pattern can you identify in **vss. 26-31**?
6. **Read vss. 32-38?** How do the Levites conclude this prayer of praise and confession?
7. Recall that in vss. 16-31 the Levites recounted many examples of rebellion and rescue – of the disobedience of Israel and of God's deliverance. How would that have prepared the way for their petition for pardon in vss. 32-38?
8. **Read ch. 9** one more time. This time, jot down the ways in which you can identify with the experience of the Israelites.



Getting Personal

- This is essentially a prayer of confession, but the Levites began their prayer by praising God for his *greatness and goodness* (vss 5-15). Why do you think they did that?
- What can we learn from their example?
- How can we follow the example of the Levites in vss 16-25?
- Based on Neh 9, when we've gotten off the track, what steps can we take to be restored to a right relationship with God?
- How is God speaking to you personally through Neh 9?