

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

NEHEMIAH SERIES

These questions are for the **November 6, 2016** sermon, "A Bridge Over Time." Please read the sermon passage (Nehemiah 9) together out loud.

THE WELL-TIMED SPIRITUAL LEADER IS AWARE OF . . .

1. **God's power, revealed in creation.** (6) GLORY.
 - A. If God can create something out of nothing, he can create something good out of something bad.
 - B. God is all powerful and does not depend on us for anything.
2. **God's promise, revealed to Abraham.** (7-8) GRACE.
 - A. God remembers all of his promises.
 - B. With all the world in opposition, God keeps his every promise.
3. **God's protection, revealed in the Exodus.** (9-15) GUARDANCE.
4. **God's providence, revealed in the wilderness.** (16-21) GUIDANCE.
 - A. Some people want to "take you back" to Egypt. Don't go there with them.
 - B. God will guide you forward.
5. **God's provisions, revealed in the Promised Land.** (22-25) GOODNESS.
 - A. God has good things in store for those who trust him.
 - B. He is not merely watching us; he is watching over us.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God can take your worst situation and use it to accomplish his good intentions. He can do this without your help, and in spite of the enemy. If we truly believe this, how will we be changed? In attitudes? Actions? Feelings (like worry)? In prayer?
2. Based on #2, above: Which promises of God are you hanging on to today? Where are they found in the Scriptures? In what way does it sometimes feel as if God has forgotten? How does the truth we studied encourage your heart: "God never forgets his promises"?
3. Based on #3, above: How can God guard your heart even while he allows you to experience the trial? Rehearse some of the blessings of your darkest trials. How did God protect you and bring you through? Does he have the strength to do it again?
4. Based on #4, above: When we go through trials, we are often tempted to return to an old place of perceived comfort. We are tempted to go "back" instead of forward. Have you ever gone "back" instead of forward? How did that work out? Are you brave enough to trust God for the future? What is your "next step forward" if you trust God's promises?
5. Based on #5, above: God is bringing his people to a good place. It is possible that you may not see that place for a while. Are you willing to trust the Lord and do the next faithful thing even if you don't see the Promised Land? How can we pray for you?