






## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

| 11-07-2021     |   | Live it!   |
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| <br>Start      | <input type="checkbox"/> Albert Einstein: <i>Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.</i> What are some of your favourite famous quotes or misquotes?  |  |
| <br>Discuss    | <input type="checkbox"/> What are some of the biggest changes you have faced in your life?<br><input type="checkbox"/> How did you respond to these and what difference(s) have the changes made?   |  |
| <br>Read       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nehemiah</b><br/>9:38-10:2 &amp; 28-32</p>  | <br>Listen again<br><a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch</a><br><a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks</a> |
| <br>Explore    | <input type="checkbox"/> What does it mean to 'actively hear' God's word? How can we take practical measures to ensure this is how we listen?<br><input type="checkbox"/> How do the people of Jerusalem demonstrate that their repentance is genuine?<br><input type="checkbox"/> What is meant by a covenant? Look up this word in a dictionary or thesaurus and consider the different interpretations and synonyms. v.38 – What's the difference between a <i>covenant</i> and what the people of Jerusalem are doing?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Can you think of other instances of covenants and /or 'binding agreements' in scripture? What do these reveal about the relationship between God and humanity?<br><input type="checkbox"/> v.28 – Why do the people separate themselves from their neighbours? How can we balance seeking holiness (being separated <i>to</i> God) with building relationships within our communities, being <i>in</i> the world but not <i>of</i> it?<br><input type="checkbox"/> v.31 – Why is marking the sabbath highlighted as an important part of the binding agreement the people make? What happens if this rest is omitted from life? How do you build this space into your life's rhythm?<br><input type="checkbox"/> This passage is about the people of Jerusalem's response after having heard God's word; what is He saying to you? How will you respond? |  |
| <br>Go further | <input type="checkbox"/> Read James 1:22-25 – how does the Bible work as a mirror? How did it work in this way for the people of Jerusalem?<br><input type="checkbox"/> A mirror in the ancient world was made of polished metal, not glass; it was therefore necessary to look intently. How do you 'look intently' into God's word?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Which elements of 'the perfect law that gives freedom' do you struggle to put into practice? Pray for each other.   |  |
| <br>Reflect    | <input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?<br><input type="checkbox"/> What is God putting on <i>your</i> heart?  |  |

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| <br>Do             | <input type="checkbox"/> Make time this week to read or listen to God's word. Make a note of what God is saying to you and what you will do in response.   |
| <br>Pray          | <i>Lord God, thank you that you still speak to me through _____. I worship you for _____. Forgive me when _____. Guide my heart to _____. I want to commit to _____. Please help me _____. Amen.</i> |
| <br>My questions: |  |

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