

## A Mind of Revival April 28 | Group Discussion Guide

Begin by praying, catching up on your week, and reflecting together (10 minutes).

First, like last week, begin your time together by having someone pray.

Then, spend a few moments talking about how last week's prayer challenge: Ask some of the following:

- Last week, we were challenged to pray for one thing or one person for six months. How has that been going?
- Has anything transpired? Have you noticed any changes in your heart?
- What's been difficult? What's been good about this practice?

Watch a video and then read and discuss Nehemiah 8-9 (40 minutes).

As you enter into the story of Nehemiah, take a few moments to watch a <u>Bible Project</u> <u>video on Nehemiah</u> to get the 30,000ft view of the book.

After watching, have your group read through **Nehemiah 8-9.** Split up the verses so that each person has an equal number to read.

You may not get through all the questions, that's okay. Feel free to read these ahead of time and pick a couple that fit your group best!

Has your heart ever been revived by a reading or encountering God's Word?
 When? What happened? Explain.

- How would you describe the Israel's disposition towards the Scriptures in this text? How does that compare/contrast with yours currently today?
- Why do you think Scripture engagement is important for both personal and communal revival?
- Read Jeremiah 36:1-32 and James 1:19-25. How would you compare the disposition towards God's Word that Jehoiakim had with the disposition that James wants us to have? Where are you tempted to metaphorically cut things out of God's Word? Where do you need to obey its call?
- In his sermon, Dan mentioned the church suffered spiritually for almost 1000 years because it did not listen to nor obey God's Word. In what ways have you seen spiritual deterioration come about in your own life from a neglect of God's Word?
- Dan said, "The problem today is not that we have limited access to the Bible, but that the Bible has too limited access to us." What is your plan to spend more time in God's Word? To empower your family to spend more time in God's Word?

## Pray Scripture (10 minutes).

As a group, break into groups of 2-3. In your smaller groups, read **Psalm 145**. Use this passage as a springboard to pray and praise God for his nature, his character, and his works.

## Finish with logistics and prayer requests (5 minutes).

- 1. **Inform your group** about our 24/7 prayer initiative! You can find out more information at <a href="mailto:thecreek.org/revival">thecreek.org/revival</a>.
- 2. **Finish your group** session by sharing prayer requests and closing in prayer for the things shared.