Study Guide on Nehemiah 9:32-38 & 10:28-29

New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.
1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Nehemiah 9:32-38 & 10:28-29

(Nehemiah 9:32) "Now therefore, our God, the great God, mighty and awesome, who keeps his covenant of love, do not let all this hardship seem trifling in your eyes—the hardship that has come on us, on our kings and leaders, on our priests and prophets, on our ancestors and all your people, from the days of the kings of Assyria until today.

(Nehemiah 9:33) In all that has happened to us, you have remained righteous; you have acted faithfully, while we acted wickedly.

(Nehemiah 9:34) Our kings, our leaders, our priests and our ancestors did not follow your law; they did not pay attention to your commands or the statutes you warned them to keep.

(Nehemiah 9:35) Even while they were in their kingdom, enjoying your great goodness to them in the spacious and fertile land you gave them, they did not serve you or turn from their evil ways.

(Nehemiah 9:36) "But see, we are slaves today, slaves in the land you gave our ancestors so they could eat its fruit and the other good things it produces.

(Nehemiah 9:37) Because of our sins, its abundant harvest goes to the kings you have placed over us. They rule over our bodies and our cattle as they please. We are in great distress.

(Nehemiah 9:38) "In view of all this, we are making a binding agreement, putting it in writing, and our leaders, our Levites and our priests are affixing their seals to it."

(Nehemiah 10:28) "The rest of the people—priests, Levites, gatekeepers, musicians, temple servants and all who separated themselves from the neighboring peoples for the sake of the Law of God, together with their wives and all their sons and daughters who are able to understand—

(Nehemiah 10:29) all these now join their fellow Israelites the nobles, and bind themselves with a curse and an oath to follow the Law of God given through Moses the servant of God and to obey carefully all the commands, regulations and decrees of the LORD our Lord."

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?

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