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Ignite

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“Fuel” Nehemiah 9-10

Fire Components: Heat, Fuel & Oxygen. Heat = Holy Spirit/Word of God. Fuel = Heart of Repentance. Repentance is turning from sin and trusting in the Savior. (Acts3:19)

It's the goodness of God that leads to repentance—which is a way of life. (Rom2:4; Luke15:20; 1Jn1:5-2:6)

Nehemiah 9:1-4

TURN FROM SIN

- Idolatry is always the reason we ever do anything wrong. (Ex20:3; 1John5:21)
- Identifying idols: What dominates your thoughts? What stirs your deepest emotions? What do your actions effortlessly spend Money/Time on? (Ps16:4; Matt6:21; Rom1:25)
- Affections for idols are broken by greater affections for Christ & affections for Christ are awakened by His affections for us. (Heb.11:24-26; Phil3:8; 1Jn4:19)

Nehemiah 9:5-38

TRUST IN THE SAVIOR

Celebrate – The Greatness (vv5-6), Goodness (vv7-30), and Grace of God (vv31-38)

- When I'm overwhelmed by trials I'm forgetting His greatness. (John11:33; Phil4:13)
- When I'm led astray by temptations I'm forgetting His goodness. (Titus 2:11-14)
- No matter how far you have fallen or how deep you have been broken, by God's grace you can be made whole. (Rom5:10, 20; 2Cor8:9, 9:8)

Nehemiah 10

Commitment – The Document Itself (vv1-27).

- Submission to the Word of God (v29)
(Matt 7:24-27; James 1:22-25; 2Tim2:15, 3:16-17)
- Separation as the people of God (vv28, 30-31)
(2Cor6:14-18; 1Pet1:13-16)
- Support for the House of God (vv32-39, v38 “tithe”)
(Matt23:23; Pro 3:9-10; 2Cor9:6-8)



Growing

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- 1) If heat is the Spirit of God working through the Word of God then the fuel would be a heart of repentance. Explain. What does it mean that it's the Father's kiss that leads us to repentance & not the other way around (Rom2:4; Luke15:20)?
- 2) Read Nehemiah 9:1-4 (skim the rest of chapter 9-10). Repentance is turning from sin & trusting in the Savior. Why do you think idolatry is always the reason we ever do anything wrong (Ex20:3; 1John5:21)? What are the three questions from our sermon notes that help us to identify our idols (Ps16:4; Matt6:21; Rom1:25)?
- 3) How do we overcome our affections for idols (Heb 11:24-26; Phil3:8; 1John4:19)? Turning from sin and trusting in the Savior involves Celebrating God's Greatness (vv5-6), Goodness (vv7-30) & Grace (vv31-38). What am I forgetting when I'm overwhelmed by trials and led astray by temptations?
- 4) No matter how far you have fallen or how deep you have been broken, by God's grace you can be made whole (Rom5:10, 20; 2Cor8:9, 9:8). What are your thoughts and how would this affect our repentance?
- 5) Nehemiah 10 is a commitment the people make as a result of their repentance—turning from sin & trusting in God. What three things do they commit to & how important are these as evidence of true repentance? Pray that as temps rise this summer that our passions for Christ at db will do the same!