

CrossPoint Community Church

Home Team Study Package

Series 2, Film 3 - Sunday, Feb 25th, 2007 - "ashes"

Read **Nehemiah 9:1-8**, and then watch "Ashes" as a HomeTeam.

Answer the discussion questions following the film.

Then, read and answer the questions below as a group.

1. Verse 1 tells us that God's people (the Israelites) were led into serious confession and repentance. This came after the reading of God's Law, the first 5 books of the Bible, had convicted their hearts. What does this say about the role of God's Word in the life of God's people? Does it do the same for us? How?
2. Read vv. 2-3 again out loud. Their confession happened as a community of faith and involved a time of worship. When in your faith community do you have opportunities for public, community confession and corporate worship? Why might this be an important part of Christian life?
3. Read vv. 5b-6 again out loud. Their public *confession* led to a public *praise* of God's goodness, power and grace that extends for dozens of more verses. It is said that our confession should follow the same pattern. How does this answer someone who feels that confessing / admitting sin is too negative, not relevant, or downright depressing?
4. Skip ahead and read 9:38 and 10:28-29 out loud. This time of confession and praise finally resulted in a new commitment to God's Word and His ways. Why is this an important step in the act of repentance and confession?

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