



If You Care You Will Consider (Nehemiah 9)

Sunday, January 6, 2019 AVBC 10:30 am

If you care you will:

*Pray (ch.1) *Lead (ch.2) *Co-Operate (ch.3) *Overcome (ch.4)
 *Intervene (ch.5) *Persevere (ch.6) *Stabilize (ch.7) *Submit (ch.8)

- They came h _____ (Neh. 9:1-2)
- They came h _____ (Neh. 9:3)

When you come looking for Me, you'll find Me. Yes, when you get serious about finding Me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed...I'll turn things around for you... (Jeremiah 29:13-14a) (The Message)

Nehemiah 9 (3,500 years of history in one prayer)

1. Creation (v.6)
2. Abraham (vs. 7-8)
3. Exodus from Egypt (vs. 9-15)
4. Wilderness wanderings (vs.16-21)
5. Promise Land (vs. 22-25)
6. Captivity and Exile (vs. 26-31)
7. Present day (vs. 32-37)

YOU SHOULD COMMIT YOURSELF TO THE LORD BECAUSE...

1. HE _____ AND PRESERVES YOUR LIFE. (v.6)

Christ is the one through whom God created everything in heaven and earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—kings, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities. Everything has been created through him and for him. He existed, before everything else began, and he holds all creation together. (Colossians 1:16,17) (NLT)

2. HE IS ABSOLUTELY _____. (vs. 7-8)

3. HE PROVIDES ALL YOUR _____. (vs. 9-15) (Phil. 4:19, Psalm 37:25)

4. HE IS COMPASSIONATE AND _____. (vs. 16-21)

5. HE _____ THE WAY FOR YOU. (vs. 22-25) (Psalm 23)

6. HE EXTENDS HIS _____ TO YOU. (vs. 26-31)

But you, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to get angry, full of unflinching love and truth. Look down and have mercy on me. Give strength to your servant; yes, save me, for I am your servant. (Psalm 86:15-16) (NLT)

7. HE WILL HELP YOU _____. (vs.32-37)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your Care group)

Q1: Do you make resolutions at the start of a new year? How about goals? If so, what are you aiming at in 2019?

Q2: Have you ever had to RE-dedicate yourself to something or someone? If so, why do you think the decision to commit AGAIN was important?

Q3: What do the following verses teach you about the character of God?

I John 1:5; 4:8, Hebrews 13:8, II Peter 3:9, Psalm 30:5, Isaiah 40:28, James 1:7, Ps 18:30

Q4: It has been said that it is easier to get into something than out of something. Have you found this to be true? Why is it important to CONSIDER before committing?

Q5: Read Psalm 40. What are David's reasons for entrusting himself and his circumstances to the Lord? What attributes of God's character formed the foundation for his trust?

Q6: Pastor David gave 7 reasons as to why you should commit yourself to the Lord. Which one is most important to you at this point in your life? Why?

Q7: What hymns and/or songs can you think of that speak of our need to surrender and dedicate everything to the Lord?

Please take some time and pray specifically for next Sunday where we, as a congregation, will be given the opportunity to publically dedicate or re-dedicate ourselves to the Lord.