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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 18 • Session 3

THE PEOPLE WORSHIPED GOD

Nehemiah 7-13

WHAT IS THE BIBLE ABOUT? THE BIBLE IS THE STORY OF GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE PEOPLE THROUGH JESUS.

After Ezra read the law, the people gathered together. They confessed their sins, read from the book of the law of the Lord, and worshiped all day. The Levites led the people in a prayer, saying: "Blessed be your name, God. You created the heavens, the earth, and all that is in it."

As they prayed, the people remembered how God chose Abraham. God made a covenant with Abraham. God kept His promise because He is righteous. The people also praised God for rescuing His people from slavery in Egypt. God came down to His people at Mount Sinai and gave them His good commands. All through their wilderness journey, God provided for His people. In the people's prayer, they remembered how their ancestors did not obey God. But God did not leave them. God's people prayed: "You gave our ancestors the land, giving them victory over the people who lived there. But they were disobedient. So, you handed them over to your enemies. But in your compassion, you did not destroy or abandon your people."

The people recognized they needed God, and so they promised to follow the law of God and to obey all His commands. Later, the people gathered to dedicate the wall around Jerusalem. They celebrated with music and gave thanks to God. Then God's law was read to the people.

Christ Connection: God's people remembered all He had done, and they promised to be faithful. God is gracious and compassionate. All along, God has been faithful to people who are unfaithful. We experience God's grace and compassion in Jesus, who gave His life so we can receive mercy and life forever.

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