**NEEDED DISCIPLINE**

I have good news. God's discipline reveals his great love for us. No one truly enjoys discipline in the moment. It is humbling, emotional and sometimes painful. Yet God's discipline does something much greater than all of that. It reminds us that he cares deeply about us and has a plan for our lives. If that weren't true, wouldn't he leave us to our own devices?? In Nehemiah 9 the people of God gather together for a time of confession, worship and the reading of God's word. They are reminded that He keeps his promises, is righteous, shows great mercy yet still disciplines his people. The discipline is meant to turn us from our disobedient, stiff necked ways and turn us to the life giving God and His word. Spending time reading God's law reminded the people that God is faithful and we are wicked. He is what we need more than anything!

Esther 7-10; Revelation 3

Ezra 7-10; Psalm 97; Revelation 4

Nehemiah 1-3; Revelation 5

Nehemiah 4-6; Psalm 98; Revelation 6

Nehemiah 7-9; Psalm 140; Revelation 7

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. When has God disciplined you and what was your response?
2. How often does your church spend time reading aloud God’s word? What benefit does it provide?
3. How are God’s mercy and discipline both tools of his grace?
4. How often do you spend time confessing your wandering, wicked heart? How does it affect your walk with God?
5. How will you remember God’s word this week? How will you keep it?

Even to the book of Revelation, God is calling his people to repent and tells them that those he loves he disciplines. He has not and will not give up on you. He is faithful to the end! That is good news.