

Restoring The Gate: A Journey of Renewal Through Nehemiah

(Nehemiah 9)

“A Church That Confesses”

November 2, 2025

I. _____ to God with Humility (vv. 1-3)

“On the twenty-fourth day of this month the Israelites assembled; they were fasting, wearing sackcloth, and had put dust on their heads.” (Nehemiah 9:1, CSB)

“While they stood in their places, they read from the book of the law of the Lord their God for a fourth of the day and spent another fourth of the day in confession and worship of the Lord their God.” (Nehemiah 9:3, CSB)

Application: Revival begins when we stop defending our sin and start depending on God’s mercy.

II. _____ What God Has Done (vv. 4-31)

Application: Before we confess what’s wrong, we must remember who God is and what He’s done right.

III. _____ of What Keeps You from God (vv. 32-35)

Application: Confession means agreeing with God about what’s been keeping us from Him — and turning from it.

V. _____ Your Commitment to God (vv. 36-38)

“In view of all this, we are making a binding agreement, putting it in writing, and our leaders, our Levites and our priests are affixing their seals to it.” (Nehemiah 9:38, NIV)

Application: Confession without commitment is incomplete. God restores when we not only repent but *recommit*.

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Small Group Discussion – A Church That Confesses

Icebreaker

- When you were a child, did you ever get “caught” doing something wrong? How did it feel to admit it?
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Digging into the Word

1. Read Nehemiah 9:1–3.
 - What outward signs did the people show in their repentance?
 - How might we practice humility and repentance in ways that are genuine today?
 2. In verses 4–31, the Levites retell Israel’s story.
 - Why is it important to remember both God’s faithfulness and our failures?
 - How does looking back help us move forward?
 3. In verses 32–38, the people confess and then renew their covenant.
 - Why is confession alone not enough?
 - What steps can we take after confession to live differently?
 4. Read 1 John 1:9.
 - What do we learn about God’s character in this verse?
 - How does confession lead to freedom instead of shame?
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Personal Reflection

5. What makes confession difficult for you—fear, pride, shame, or something else?
 6. How can we, as a church family, create a safe environment where confession and restoration are normal?
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Living It Out

7. In what area of your life do you need to bring something into the light this week?
 8. How can our group pray for one another to walk in repentance and renewal together?
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Your voice matters. We’d love to hear what God is showing you through these questions. Please share your thoughts by emailing us at info@thegateoc.com — your insights will help shape the renewal and restoration of The Gate.