QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you personally experienced

 the goodness of God in your life.

2. Why does the world often blame God for bad things, but does not

 acknowledge God for good things?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about

 the goodness of God:

 a) I Chronicles 16:34

b) Psalm 119:68

c) Psalm 145:8-10

d) Nahum 1:7

e) Lamentations 3:25

f) Philippians 1:6

g) James 1:17

4. Why is discipline good for us?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to establish a set time to pray each day.
* I am going to going to make a list of all the ways God has demonstrated His goodness to me.
* I am going to memorize James 1:17.

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Nehemiah 9:3-38 Study Series #20

***Nehemiah’s Prayer***

***The Goodness of God***

**I. Introduction**

 A. Who Believes in Prayer?

 (See Acts 12:1-16)

 B. The Problem of Prayer

 (See Joshua 9:14; Psalm 106:13; Proverbs 1:25; James 4:2)

*“Most of us are plagued with a subtle aversion to prayer. We do not naturally delight I drawing near to God. We pay lip service to the delight and potency and value of prayer. We assert that it is an indispensable adjunct of mature spiritual life. We know that it is constantly enjoined and exemplified in Scripture. But in spite of it all, too often we fail to pray.”* J. Oswald Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership*

 C. The Prayer of Nehemiah

 (See Matthew 23:14; Mark 12:40; Luke 20:47; Numbers 12:13;

 Matthew 14:30)

**II. Nehemiah’s Prayer: The Goodness of God**

 A. God Formed the Nation

 (See Nehemiah 9:7-8; Genesis 17:5; Genesis 15:6;

 Romans 4:3; Galatians 3:6; James 2:23; Galatians 4:19)

 B. God Delivered the Nation

 (See Nehemiah 9:9-11; Exodus 1:8-14; Exodus 2:23-25;

 Luke 15:2; Matthew 11:19)

 C. God Provided for the Nation

 (See Nehemiah 9:12; Exodus 13:21-22; Nehemiah 9:13-14;

 Exodus 31:18; Nehemiah 9:15; Exodus 16:1-30;

 Numbers 20:8; Matthew 6:25-34; James 1:17)

 D. God Disciplined the Nation

 (See Nehemiah 9:16-31; Proverbs 30:8-9; Luke 12:16-21;

 Romans 12:1-2; Hebrews 12:5-6; Proverbs 3:11-12;

 Deuteronomy 8:5; Nehemiah 9:20; Nehemiah 9:30)

 E. God Renews the Nation

 (See Nehemiah 9:32-38; Luke 15:11-32; Hebrews 4:14-16;

 I John 1:9)

**III. Conclusion**

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

Nehemiah 9:4-38

**4**Now the Levites… cried with a loud voice to the Lord their God.

**5** “Arise, bless the Lord your God forever and ever! O may Your glorious name be blessed and exalted above all blessing and praise!
**6**“You alone are the Lord. You have made the heavens, the heaven of heavens with all their host; The earth and all that is on it; The seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them, and the heavenly host bows down before You…

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