

Bible Study Questions  
 Sunday, September 27, 2009  
 Ezra 9:1-10:44

1. Have you ever had to re-learn an old skill you once knew? How did it feel?
2. Read Ezra 9:1-4
3. What had Israel failed to do again and again?

Failure	458 BC	445 BC	433 BC
1.	Ezra 9:1-2	Nehemiah 9:1-2; 10:30	Nehemiah 13:23-28
2.		Nehemiah 10:31	Nehemiah 13:15-22
3.		Nehemiah 10:32-39	Nehemiah 13:30-31

4. Is there one or more “besetting sin” that you struggle with over and over again? What has been your practice of dealing with this? Do you want to break the cycle of sin in your life?
5. Revival is not the introduction of new truths, never before known. Revival is the recovery of old truths that have been lost, disregarded or neglected. What truths do we need to resurrect in our lives if we are to experience revival (see Ezra 9:3-4,15)?
6. Why do we fail to live holy lives (9:4)? How has your time in God’s Word been since meeting the last time? (be honest).
7. Being broken over our sin means that we:
  - a. Express complete agreement with God about our behaviour (10:1-2).
  - b. Make a clean break from any and all sinful behaviour (10:10-11).
  - c. Pursue a course of action that is godly (10:19).
 Do you need to express your brokenness over some sin to God? How?

8. The Jews realized they needed to seek God for revival in community with other believers (10:19). If we are to experience revival we need to do so in community. Will you offer your *hand in pledge* with others to seek God for revival? Spend time praying together for one another.

Memory verse: For this is what the high and lofty One says-- he who lives forever, whose name is holy: I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. (Isaiah 57:15)