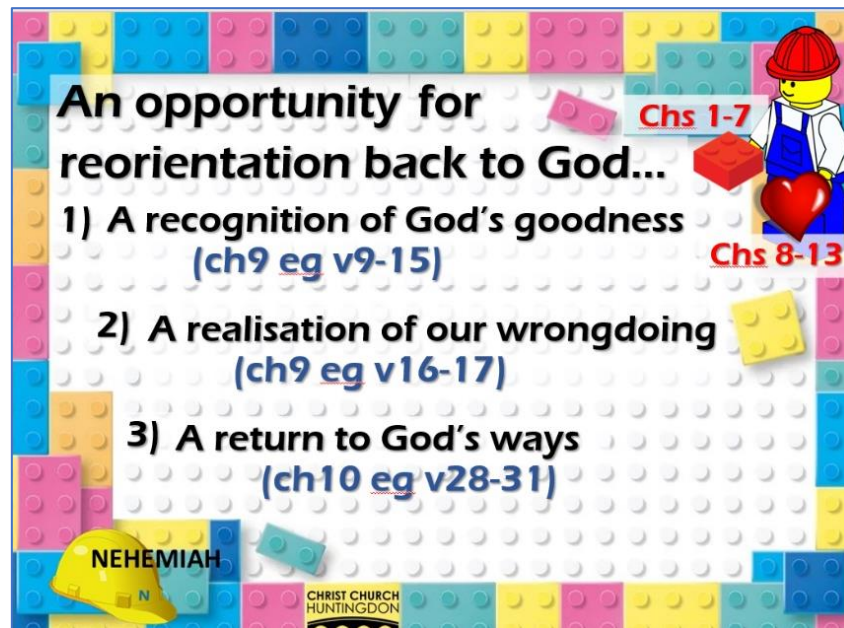


## Dig Deeper into Nehemiah 9-10 for personal study and Life Groups...



Here are some questions to think more deeply about the passage from the sermon for yourself or in small (zoom!) groups this week...

This is a really long passage, so you might like to look at the overview on page 2 to see how it divides up.

1. Choose a section of the prayer to read (from v5-31). For example you might like to focus on v16-21 or v29-31. What specific things does it tell you about God? Which of those do you need to hear right now?
2. How does this passage illustrate human nature? Which idols have you discovered you lean on too hard in these recent days (when you turn a “good” thing into a “god” thing)?
3. What does it mean for us as a church to “reorientate ourselves back to Jesus, the Light of the World” at this time? Noting the specific pledges in v30-39, what are equivalents for you that you need personally to commit to?



### Resources, including several new articles about the coronavirus...

- Mike Cain, Emmanuel Church Bristol, “God’s Word is not chained”, 2 Tim 2:9. Great short podcast. <https://www.facebook.com/mike.cain.718/videos/10157639115645873/>
- <https://stephenmcalpine.com/the-tomb-is-far-emptier-than-the-shelves-will-ever-be/>
- <https://babylonbee.com/news/god-breaking-quarantine-and-going-everywhere>

## Overview of the section....

**ch8**= the people gather to “Open the Book” and joyfully worship God with **feasting**.

a. **9:1-3 Overview:** Israelites gather for another half day of worship, this time with **fasting**

b. **9:3-36 Specifics:**

- i. 9:4-31 The Levites (priests) lead the people in prayer, recapping:  
V5b-6 Creation, V7-8 Abraham, V9-12 The Exodus, V13-21 Sinai and the Desert wanderings, V22-25 The Conquest of the Land V26-28 The time of the Judges V29-31 The prophets and up to the Assyrian and Babylonian exiles.
- ii. 9:32-37 The Levites ask for the Lord to see their hardship (v32, v36)
- iii. 9:38 The people make a binding agreement to the Lord
- iv. 10:1-27 The list of names added to the agreement and sealed by the elders
- v. 10:28-29 The Oath of obedience, recommitting to the Lord.
- vi. 10:30-39 3 areas of specific pledges of obedience to God.  
V30 No intermarriage v31 No trading on the sabbath nv32-v33-39 Commitment to the Temple