

# THE PEOPLE WORSHIPED GOD

## Nehemiah 7-13



After Ezra read the law, the people confessed their sins and worshiped all day. The Levites led the people in a prayer, saying: “Blessed be your name, God. You are the only God.” As they prayed, the people remembered how God made a covenant with Abraham and gave the Promised Land to his descendants. God kept His promise because He is righteous. The people also praised God for rescuing His people from slavery in Egypt. God came down to His people at Mount Sinai and gave them His commands. All through their wilderness journey, God provided for His people. In the people’s prayer, they remembered how their ancestors did not obey God. Their ancestors made idols and forgot God’s works. But God did not leave them. He is forgiving, gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in faithful love. God’s people prayed: “You gave our ancestors the land, giving them victory over the people who lived there. But they were disobedient and ignored your prophets. So, you

handed them over to your enemies, who oppressed them. But in your compassion, you did not destroy or abandon your people.” Then the people said, “Here we are today, slaves in the land you gave our ancestors. We are in trouble.” The people recognized they needed God, and so they promised to follow the law of God and to obey all His commands. Then the leaders and some of the people stayed in Jerusalem, and everyone else went to live in the nearby cities. Later, the people gathered to dedicate the wall around Jerusalem. They celebrated with music and gave thanks to God. Then God’s law was read, and they were reminded to keep His commands.

*Christ Connection: God’s people remembered all He had done, and they promised to be faithful. God is gracious and compassionate. All along, God has been faithful to people who are unfaithful. We experience God’s grace and compassion in Jesus, who gave His life so we can receive mercy and life forever.*



## LEARN

### THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

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The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Solve the code to find the missing word. (Examples:  $A+2=C$  or  $G-2=E$ )

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V+1    M+2    S-1    R+1    J-2    H+1    O+1    B+3    E-1

» What does this story teach us about God?

» What did the people do after they listened to God's law?

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### GOSPEL DISCUSSION

All along, God has been faithful to people who are unfaithful. God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to be our Savior. God is full of mercy and grace and is ready to forgive our sins. When we trust in Jesus, we experience God's grace and receive forgiveness. Have you confessed your sins and trusted in Jesus?





## THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

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» Find John 20:31 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His faithfulness to care for His people and for sending Jesus as our Savior.

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### READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Lamentations 3:22-23

Hebrews 10:23

1 John 1:9

Psalm 33:4

Deuteronomy 7:9

Isaiah 25:1