

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Sunday, October 18, 2020
Nehemiah 9:1-38

1. What happened in Wednesday's Bible Study in Nehemiah 8?
 - a. Ezra read the Book of the law to the people.
 - b. The Levites explained the law to the people in a way that they could understand it.
 - c. They listened to the law every day.
 - d. They celebrated the Festival of Tabernacles in the way that was commanded in the law for the first time since the days of Joshua.

2. What is happening now, in verse 9:1?
 - a. It is still the seventh month, so they are still celebrating the festivals.
 - b. The Feast of Tabernacles is over.
 - c. The Israelites gathered together, fasting and wearing sackcloth and putting dust on their heads.
 - d. They separated themselves from all foreigners.
 - e. They confessed their sins and the sins of their ancestors.
 - f. They stood and read the Book of the Law for a quarter of the day and spent another quarter in confession and worship.

3. What is the significance of the Israelites' worship in 9:5-37?
 - a. Wow, that is detailed, but I'm not sure the tune would be too catchy...
 - b. They were reaffirming the history of God's interaction with their people.
 - c. They are remembering all of the times God had intervened in their circumstances and praising Him for it.
 - d. They are admitting their shortcomings and God's gracious response in response to them.
 - e. Reaffirming their history, even their sins, and remembering God's faithfulness when they trust Him encourages them to live differently this time.
 - f. When they come to verses 36-7, we find the current situation to which they should apply all of these things they are remembering in their worship.

4. How does this all end, according to verse 38? _____

5. How do you worship? _____

Other than declaring praises about God and to God, does your worship serve a purpose in your life? _____

What is the result of your "ritual" worship? _____
