

**Covenant Community Groups – Interactive Study Guide  
Week of October 26, 2008**

***Nehemiah: Becoming a Person of Prayer (Part 1)***

**1. Read together**

- Nehemiah 1:5-11

**2. Questions:**

- Initial thoughts/questions?
- How does Nehemiah address God (v. 5)? How should our view and understanding of who God is influence prayer?
- In his prayer, Nehemiah recalls God's words to Moses (v. 8-9). When praying for something, why is having a promise or perspective from the Word of God so important?
- We were encouraged to develop scriptural prayers in a need-topic area for prayer in our life (worry, pride, fear, lust, wisdom, etc.). What need-topic area are you developing a prayer for? What scripture can you use to help develop this prayer?
- How often do you pray? For what reasons do you most often pray?
- What is the relationship between confessing sin (mournfully agreeing with God about our shortcomings) and prayer? How does un-confessed sin affect prayer? (see Psalm 66:18-20, Proverbs 28:9, James 4:3-10)
- What sin might you need to confess? Read 1 John 1:9 this week and take time to pray, think about and write down things in your life you need to confess.

**3. Break into smaller groups of men and women to share and pray**

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