

Nehemiah 9:1-8 - We believe in one God, the Father Almighty

Big Idea: The LORD is to be praised for his glory, creative power and righteous covenant.

Aim: Praise the LORD, the glorious, righteous, creator God.

1. Bless the LORD for his everlasting glory (v. 5)
2. Bless the LORD for his creative power (v. 6)
3. Bless the LORD for he is the righteous covenant keeper (v. 7-8)

Questions for us: What do you think of when you hear the word 'glory'? How would you define it? What is the first reason given to praise God? How should this impact the way we think of God and the way we think of ourselves? Why is God glorious? Do we find it easy or difficult to praise God simply for who he is? How might we fuel our praise of God? What should reflection on the world around us cause us to do? Do we often stop and praise God for the things he has made? This week have you noticed anything that caused you to praise God for his creative power? How often do we stop and praise God for his work throughout history to save his people? Do we marvel at the drama of redemption and praise God? Do we imagine that the story of Bible has little to do with us or are we so familiar with it we fail to praise God? How can we encourage each other to hold on in hope to the God who keeps his promises? Considering the first lines of the Creed - take each of the phrases in turn (One God, Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth) and discuss the following overlapping questions: a. Where do we see these truths in Nehemiah 9? b. Where is this challenged/ forgotten today? c. Why is it important to remind ourselves of it regularly? What can I celebrate this week that we see in the first section of the Creed?