

THE WAY FORWARD – NO. 7
“Sacred Assembly”
Nehemiah 8-9

Theme: *When God wants to reconstruct a life and a church, there are two actions we must do to join Him in that work. Both are tied to our participation in a Sacred Assembly!*

Background of Nehemiah 8-10:

1. Pursue _____ as the Source of Our G_____ J_____!

a) Nehemiah’s Day:

b) Our Day:

- What we turn to for joy:

- What is joy?

2. Pursue God as the Source of Joy through C_____ of S_____!

a) Nehemiah’s Day – Confession:

b) Our Day – Confession:

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Guidelines for Public Confession In Preparation for the Service of Sacred Assembly

1. Own your own sin specifically.

This is what I did, thought, said, etc.

Whatever else may have happened, my sin is _____.

2. Confess your sin completely.

“When I did, thought, said _____, I was wrong.”

Agree with God and others that you are wrong without qualification.

Don't try to explain it—no ifs, ands, or buts.

However, be cautious that your confession doesn't create problems for others!

3. Request forgiveness.

“I recognize that my sin has caused hurt and harm to God, to others, and to myself. I was wrong, please forgive me.”

This is to be an act of humility, not something done because you are being forced or because you've been caught.

4. Return to your seat and be still.

Don't explain or describe how you have been hurt yourself, or what others have done to you, or what you have learned from the experience.

Be still before the Lord. Wait on Him and trust Him in regard to how others respond.

5. Begin to make restitution.

Let your repentance—your change of mind, direction, and actions—speak for you as you make amends, repay debts, if necessary, and rebuild trust.

Summary: Let your confession be short, simple, succinct, sincere, then wait silently.