## A Mind for Revival

April 28 | Weekly Devotionals

### WATCH A VIDEO

Begin this devotional exercise by finding a quiet place where you can spend time with God in his Word. Before reading, pray that the Holy Spirit would open your eyes and heart to what God wants to say to you.

As you enter into the story of Nehemiah, take a few moments to watch [a Bible Project video on Nehemiah](#) to get the 30,000ft view of the book.

The idea is just to get our bearings before we do our reading.

### READ Nehemiah 8-9

- Now, read **Nehemiah 8-9** once through. What observations do you have from this text? Who are the main characters? What happens? Where is this happening? What do you notice about the people's heart towards Scripture? How does it change throughout the text? Jot what you notice in the space below.

- Now, read the text a second time noting what you think the main theme of the passage is. What is God trying to teach his people? Write that in the space below.

- Lastly, read the passage through one last time. Pray to God any final takeaways you have from this third and final reading. What applications does this have for you personally?

REFLECT

- Why do you think Scripture engagement is important for both personal and communal revival?

- Has your heart ever been revived by a reading or encounter with God's Word? When? What happened? Explain.

- How would you describe the Israel's disposition towards the Scriptures in this text? How does that compare/contrast with yours currently today?

- In what ways do you need to re-arrange your life to engage more with God's Word?

## PRAY SCRIPTURE

Like last week, take anything that you reflected on above and pray that to God. Next, take a moment to select a passage of Scripture that you'd like to use a springboard for your prayer time. It could be a psalm, a narrative, a passage from Romans – pick anything you'd like. Simply read the passage, and then paraphrase it in your own words as a prayer to God. Use the ideas, vocabulary, etc. found in that passage to form your personal prayer around.