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Home of the Brave
Nehemiah 7-9
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1. Have you served or had a family member serve in the military? How has that impacted your life?

2. Where do people gather? What public gathering that you've been part of has had the most impact on you? What biblical gathering would you like to have been part of?

3. Psalm 119:105—"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
What is one important way the Word has been a light to your path?

4. John 8:12—"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

*Why do you think John started his gospel calling Jesus the Word?

*How is Jesus both light and the Word?

5. We saw a video depicting the vision or events of the 37th chapter of Ezekiel—"The valley of Dry Bones." When the Spirit of the Lord took Ezekiel there, God said, "Son of man, can these bones live?" Ezekiel answered, "O Sovereign Lord, you alone know." God showed Ezekiel that he could do the impossible and make breath enter those bones and they would come to life.

*Did you have any lasting thoughts or impressions on seeing the video?

*When have you had reason to say, "O Sovereign Lord, you alone know!"

*Have you seen God breathe life into "dead bones"?

*How has he breathed life into your "dead bones"?

6. What is "breathing" into you besides God's Word?

7. Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the hearts."

What is an example of scripture sharpening, strengthening or steering you?

8. Who has helped you understand God's Word?

9. Do you come to church "attentive," wanting to hear a message from God's word?

10. I John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

*Adam talked about excuses or blaming others as an unhealthy way to deal with our sins.

What other things do people do besides excuse or confess?

*Have you ever been set free by true confession?