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**Date:** 3/21/21 **Message Title:** Good News, Bad News, Now What?

**Scripture:** Nehemiah 9 (select verses) **Series:** Let's Build It Again

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**Good news:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Bad news:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Now what?** \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Nehemiah 9 (select verses)

1. When reflecting on Israel's history of unfaithfulness, are you more so encouraged or discouraged? Why?
2. What do you find most helpful about admitting your own shortcomings? Have you found anything problematic in doing so? Have you found anything beneficial about ignoring or denying your shortcomings?
3. What happens more often for you: believing that God won't forgive you or believing that your sin isn't that big of deal?
4. Do you believe God has been more favorable to you than you deserve? Less? About right? What makes you feel that way?
2. If God were going to forsake either His compassion or His justice, which would you prefer? Why? What would be lost if He forsook one or the other of those?
6. Have you ever pledged future faithfulness to God in hopes He would help you get out of a jam? Did you fully follow through on your commitment? How should our history of failure and Israel's history of failure inform how we approach God when we want His help?