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## Restoring Sabbath Nehemiah 13:15-22

*The sad truth is, in the grand story of God's covenant relationships with His people, we have been consistently \_\_\_\_\_ even in the face of His perfect faithfulness. For all have sinned...*

**Discussion 1. Does the fact that everyone sins, i.e., fails in their relationship with God, make you feel better about your own sin/failure? Do you think it *should* make you feel better? Why or why not?**

*For Christ followers today, remembering the sabbath and keeping it holy means (at least) taking regular time to pull away from our everyday routine and \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord as a means of spiritually "resetting" and realigning our lives with Him and with His ways.*

**Discussion 2. How would you describe your "sabbath"? What tweaks or corrections do you need to make in order to better fulfill the purposes of rest, focus, and holiness?**

*If one of the purposes of remembering the sabbath and keeping it holy truly is to point the world towards God, then Christ followers should not be ashamed of how our honoring of the sabbath \_\_\_\_\_ around us.*

**Discussion 3. Can you think of specific ways your honoring the sabbath has impacted nonbelievers around you? Who shaped your understanding of what it means to honor the sabbath?**

*Keeping the sabbath holy happens at one level when the individual Christ follower takes it seriously; it happens at a whole other level when Christ followers come together to create \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ for one another.*

**Discussion 4. Have you seen ways a church family /community can actually support each other in keeping the Lord's Day holy? Do you think churches in our culture are getting better at this or worse? Explain your answer.**