



## Sermon Notes: Grace Grows Best in Winter

### 1. The Preeminence of Grace.

### 2. The "Problem" with Grace.

a. We tend to presume upon and demand it.

b. Grace is only one side of the story.

c. You don't deserve it and you can't earn it.

### 3. The Person of Grace.

a. We need Someone to live the life we should've lived.

b. We need Someone to die the death we should've died.

### 4. The Practice of Grace.

a. Confess your need of grace.

b. Walk in light of the grace you've received.



## Gospel Applications: Grace Grows Best in Winter

### Discuss.

1. There are over 45 actions attributed to God in the prayer in Nehemiah 9. Skim the text to see what they are. What stands out to you?
2. What's the common theme in Nehemiah 9:16, 26, 28, 29? What personal caution do you draw from these verses? How do you tend to respond to seasons of grace and blessing in your own life?
3. In the logical twists and turns of Nehemiah 9:26-31, where do things always land? What's the theological reason why things always land *there*? What lessons and encouragement do you draw from these verses?
4. What do the people of God confess in response to the review of their own history? How are our prayers similar to or different than this because of the finished work of Jesus?
5. What does "because of all this" refer to in Nehemiah 9:38? What did the people of God do "because of all this"? What do you think of this response?
6. How does God ultimately resolve the tension between His righteousness and mercy? What does this Good News functionally mean for you today?
7. What are some common ways you tend to walk out of step with the grace you've received? What are some ways you could respond in gratitude for the Gospel without becoming a legalist?
8. What one thing will you do today in response to this message?

### Pray.

1. Locate yourself in the cycle of Nehemiah 9 and confess your condition to the Lord in your own words.
2. Bless the Lord and praise Him for defending the honor of His own name by sending Jesus to fulfill all righteousness, so that we might have mercy. Enumerate back to God several ways you enjoy His grace right now.