Broken for Good February 4, 2018

Nehemiah 1-2 Community Group Discussion Questions

**PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION**

* **Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won’t have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.**
* **Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.**
* **You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.**
* **Check out this Facilitation Guide (**[**http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide**](http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide)**) for tips on leading good discussions.**

**ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)**

* **Share your name and answer the following icebreaker:** 
  + **What is your favorite thing about your job or career?**
  + What was the best job you have ever had?

**OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)**

* Looking back at your program notes or the Northridge App notes from this week’s

teaching, what one thing most resonated with or challenged you?

* **Mark’s sermon on Sunday focused on broken things and our response.**
  + **Where do you most notice broken things in our world?**
  + **Where do you most notice broken things in your own life?**

**DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)**

* **Read Nehemiah 1:1-4 and 2:1-4.**
  + **What do you think of Nehemiah’s response to the news of the ruined state of the city of Jerusalem?**
  + In what ways would it be wise for us to imitate Nehemiah’s response?
* Read Nehemiah 1:8-9 and Isaiah 49:6, then read the following summary from Mark’s sermon, *“God desired a place where His presence would reside and what He is like would be on display.”*
  + When or where have you most experienced God’s presence or come to see God most clearly?
  + How might God’s presence and likeness best be displayed today?

**APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)**

* **Mark shared that *“God wants to use our brokenness to accomplish His good in our world and in our lives.”***
  + **Would you say you are more broken about the condition of our world or the condition of your own heart?**
* **Mark shared that *“genuine brokenness always lays it on the line.”***
  + **What is an area of brokenness in our world you need to get close to or invest in?**
  + **What is an area of brokenness in your life that you need to confess and address this week?**

**GROUP BIBLE READING PLAN**

* Consider doing a Bible reading plan with your group to help each other read the Bible more consistently. You can download the YouVersion Bible app ([**https://www.youversion.com/apps**](https://www.youversion.com/apps)) for a shared “Plans with Friends” Bible reading experience. Talk about it with your group before or during prayer time. For more details go to: [**http://blog.youversion.com/2017/11/youversion-bible-app-announcing-plans-with-friends-2017/**](http://blog.youversion.com/2017/11/youversion-bible-app-announcing-plans-with-friends-2017/)