Starting In Ruins January 28, 2018

Neh. 1-2; Rev. 21:6; Rom. 13:1; Dan 2:21; Ps. 22:28; Phil. 4:6 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:** 
  + **When was a time you made a big mess that was difficult to clean up?**
  + When was a time you ruined or broke something?

**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?**

* We will discuss Nehemiah 1-2 more fully in the coming weeks, but what were your initial thoughts on Nehemiah’s story and his response to Israel’s situation?

**DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)**

* **Read Revelation 21:6; Romans 13:1; Daniel 2:21; and Psalm 22:28.**
  + **What themes stand out to you from these verses?**
  + **How should these verses impact our outlook on the circumstances we find ourselves in?**
* Read Philippians 4:6.
  + How would applying this verse impact our struggle with worry?

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

* **Drew shared that “God specializes in restoring ruined things.”**
  + **Where have you seen this truth play out in your own life?**
* Drew shared that “God has you where you are, doing what you do, for a purpose.”
  + How do you think God wants to use you where he currently has you?
* **Drew share 3 ways we can trust God in our current circumstances:**
  + 1. **Stop Worrying.**
    2. **Stop Depending On Yourself.**
    3. **Start Talking To God.**
  + Is there one of these you most need to work on?
  + **What would it look like for you to do that 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/)