

TALK IT OVER

Small Group Discussion

Life-Changing Prayers

Use My Broken Heart and Move Me to Serve

PRAY:

For needs represented in your group.

DISCUSS:

What sticks out to you about the teaching from Sunday?

What is breaking your heart these days? How is God using this brokenness to wreck you and move you forward?

How have you found yourself praying in regards to this brokenness and wrecking?

READ & DISCUSS:

Nehemiah 1:1–4 & then Nehemiah 1:5–11

What can we learn from how Nehemiah responded to the news that he was given?

Take a look at the prayer of Nehemiah. What attributes of God did he appeal to? What characteristics did he use to describe the people?

DISCUSSION:

When was the last time you prayed because you felt wrecked or broken for a specific person or situation?

When you are struck with fear, anxiety, or insecurity, what is your first response? What or whom do you typically reach for? How is Nehemiah's example instructive for us?

READ:

Luke 19:41 & Matthew 9:36

Why do you think we have examples of Nehemiah and Jesus weeping over the city of Jerusalem? What broke their hearts?

In what ways does heart-felt prayer demonstrate that we are fully depending upon God.

God breaks our hearts so that we might become the answers to the prayers that we pray.

When God is big then your concerns shrink. If your God is small, then you're overwhelmed by the enormity of your problems.

APPLICATION:

How can you become the answer to the brokenness you feel in your heart?

How can you become the answer to the weeping of Jesus over people in our city and county and Air Force Base?

PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Pray for those far away from God (first name only)

Pray for the economy of our city and county and the success of Vandenberg Air Force Base.

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