



## ALIGNMENT

### GET TALKING

What kind of things tend to move you emotionally?

### MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- What moves me?
- How do I view prayer?
- How do I view God?
- Do I see my choices impacting my relationship with God?
- Am I aligned with God's purposes?
- Do I invite God's movement?

### DIG IN

What kind of things do you think we can often become aligned with instead of God?

#### Read Nehemiah 1:1-11

- In verses 1-4 we see that Nehemiah is moved to action because he saw the needs and brokenness of God's people in Jerusalem. His heart was breaking for what breaks God's heart. What do you think can cause us to become numb to the needs of others? How can we start realigning our hearts so that we are moved by the same things that move God?
- Read through verses 4-6. From what you see how would you describe Nehemiah's prayer life? What characteristics do you see? In light of Nehemiah's prayer, what might need to change in how you view prayer?
- Nehemiah has a big view of God. He views God as a God who can accomplish anything, a God of steadfast love who listens, acts, and is a covenant keeper. Are any of these characteristics of God hard for you to believe at times? As a small group how can we come along side you to help realign your view of God?
- Nehemiah understands that our God is a relational God and that our actions impact our relationship with God. He also understood that when we confess our sins, that God is faithful to forgive us. When you think of God through a relational lens what changes would you make both in what you do and how you do it?
- God has a bigger story for us to be involved in and we need to be aligned with his purposes. We can go further faster when we are aligned with God. How can we tell when we are out of alignment, and how can we get realigned with His purposes?

**BIG IDEA:** Align your heart and life with God's heart and purpose.

### NEXT STEPS

Jason's 6th challenging question from the sermon this weekend was, "Do I invite God's movement?" Do we desire to see God's purposes going forward, or do we get sidetracked thinking about our own needs or desires? Throughout this next week take time each day, to pray and ask God for him to move, and that He will align your heart with what he is doing.

### Prayer

God, please reveal in us any part of our lives, that is not in alignment with your heart and purpose. Help us Lord, to walk in alignment with you.