## Callings from God Nehemiah 1:1-3, 11

God has accomplished His great purposes through donkeys and tyrants, through Pharaohs and slaves, and through murderers, prostitutes, infants and octogenarians. No matter who you are nor your current circumstances, God can use you to
Discussion 1. Is there a regular circumstance or condition in your life that makes you feel like God cannot or will not use you? If so, what helps you get past those thoughts? How does God give you hope that He will use you?
As Christ followers, we should be and inquisitive about what is happening in our world. God will often use that curiosity to give us our next assignment.
Discussion 2. How do you keep up with what is going on in our city, our country, and our world? How has God used your curiosity and inquisitiveness to lay a burden on your heart which then became an assignment?
Not every broken heart is an assignment from God, but most assignments from God do begin with a which we cannot seem to shake. It is a burning sense of conviction that we would feel disobedient to God if we ignored.
Discussion 3. If not every broken heart or burden translates into an assignment from God, how do you know the difference? For you, when does a broken heart rise to the level of an assignment from God?
Any process for discerning an assignment from God will start, continue, and end with a heart turned to God, humbly seeking to understand in the matter.
Discussion 4. For you, what is the most difficult part of understanding/receiving an assignment from God? Can you recall a time or season in your life when you prayed intensely over a period of time in order to rightly discern a calling or an assignment?