## January 29th, 2017 Sermon Notes

## **Growth Group Discussion**

#### Winter

#### Week 2

We use these times to *grow spiritually and to deepen our* relationships.

If you still need to discuss some group logistics, like planning your fun activity and your service project, or deciding who to call or text if you're not able to make a meeting, take a few minutes to do so this week.

## **A Holy Discontent**

Working Definition: "When you feel called to passionately undertake something for God or his people because it is so broken and troubles you greatly."

Has any such "something" been on your heart lately that you are willing to share with the group?

## **Reflection and Discussion**

1. Read 2 Timothy 2:20-22. Nehemiah's attitude and example helped opened doors to address his Holy Discontent. How has your example been at work, or serving at church? What areas do you feel great about? What areas do you need to be cleansed and made holy (as expressed in the scripture above)?

- 2. Nehemiah did an incredible job of thoroughly praying AND planning, and it paid off handsomely. Share either: 1) An example of where deep planning or deep praying helped you or 2) Where you tend to be weaker out of those two, and how it may have hindered you in the past. What could you do differently?
- 3. "Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all." Dwight L. Moody

Is it hard for you to ask God for help? Why?

Matthew 7:7 -- "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Is it hard for you to ask people for help? Why?

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

4. What goes through your mind when you think about doing something that you might not be successful at doing?

Share your thoughts about the benefits of having a church culture that embraces the possibility of failure ("Experiment. Fail. Learn. Repeat.")

## **Family Reminders**

# New Here? Attend our Newcomer's Lunch TODAY after service at 12:20 p.m.

This is a chance to meet a few new people, and hear a little bit more about our church family. Lunch is on us. To attend simply come to the Annex after service. Feel free to ask at the Welcome Center for more info or where the Annex is.

#### Discover Class-starts next Sunday, Feb 5th

Come join us Sundays at 10 am for this informal class where we learn about how our stories fit into God's Story. Questions and discussion are welcomed. See the Welcome Center to learn more or to sign up.

## **Growth Groups**

Growth Groups are in session—these are our way of connecting to one another at the small group level. To find out more about our growth groups, please visit the Welcome Center at the back of the auditorium.

# **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**

Saturday, February 18th: Matching prime timers with young marrieds for a dinner date night. Sign up TODAY January 29th or next Sunday, February 5th at the Welcome Center and fill out the questionnaire. Contact Jim Mackie at 904-477-9291 or <a href="mailto:idmackie@comcast.net">idmackie@comcast.net</a> or Debbie at 904-535-5603 or <a href="mailto:debbiemackie1@gmail.com">debbiemackie1@gmail.com</a> if you have any questions.

## **Share Your Treasures**

Our annual Share Your Treasures Day is coming March 4th. More info will follow, but please be saving your household "treasures" for this great opportunity to give to our community!