



OUR PURPOSE (WHY WE EXIST)

Our reason for existence is "to make Christ known and to disciple the knowing."

OUR PASSIONS (WHO WE LOVE)

GOD, THE CHURCH, THE UN-CHURCHED

We love God because He is uniquely beautiful, infinitely worthy, and supremely valuable. We love the church because it is more than a building; it is the "body of Christ" and the "brotherhood of the saints," a collection of redeemed men and women who find common ground in their love of Jesus. We love the un-churched because God loves the un-churched, and He wants to use us to make His love known.

OUR PRACTICES (WHAT WE DO)

WORSHIP, MINISTRY, MISSIONS

Because we love God, we worship Him (Father, Son, and Spirit) through relevant music and engaging preaching; knowing that He alone deserves our worship. Because we love our brothers and sisters in Christ, we do ministry (acts of service by the church for the church), knowing that the world will see our love for each other as proof of our love for God. We engage in missional acts of service because we know that eternity is real and really long.

Our hope is to bring the life-changing gospel of Jesus to those who don't know God, so they can experience forgiveness, and spend eternity in grateful worship of God, instead of experiencing God's wrath in the eternal torment of Hell.

The Nehemiah Challenge
First Steps: Overcoming Life Inertia?

Nehemiah 1:1-3

GOALS:

1. To grow in relationship with God.
2. To grow in relationship with others.
3. To grow our groups and start new groups.

INTRODUCTION (PLEASE READ BEFORE EVERY GROUP):

It happens. Sometimes it's a person. Sometimes it's a business. Sometimes it's a relationship. Sometimes it's an economy. Sometimes it's an army. Sometimes it's a church. Everything was moving along just fine, then it happens. Forward motion ceases and you end up in what sailors call "the doldrums". Our study this week in Nehemiah is an effort to learn from his experience how to get moving again, especially for each of us individually and certainly for us as a church.

REVIEW: What is the current series? Why are we doing this? What is this week's title? Why is this subject important to study?

(Each question needs to be read in its entirety first, and then broken down question by question)

- What are the two greatest challenges to the study of Scripture?

BIBLE STUDY AND APPLICATION:

- What is inertia? What are some examples of "physical" inertia? What are some examples of "spiritual" inertia?
- Do you sometimes feel like you're stuck? Do you feel like we as a church have been stuck?

Read Nehemiah 1:1-4

- What did Pastor James say are the 3 causes of inertia? Can you find these causes in verses 1-3, 11b?
- Looking at number two on the outline, and the three points therein, what do these look like in us?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January 23rd – Membership Class 10am

January 24th – Renewal Sunday 10am

February 13th – Feed the Hungry 1-4pm

February 14th – Baptism Service 10am