



North Arundel Church
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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.

Praying With a Broken Heart Nehemiah 1-2

GOALS:

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

FACILITATOR: The questions that follow are designed to stir reflection and discussion on last week's message. Please read through them prior to your meeting, so you can be prepared to prayerfully pace your group well. And remember, a facilitator's goal is to promote increased biblical awareness, as well as individual self-awareness— a combination that with the help of the Holy Spirit, results in revelation and transformation.

ICE BREAKER: Have you ever faced an issue/dilemma in which only prayer, followed by action, would solve?

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

BIBLE STUDY AND APPLICATION:

Read Nehemiah 1:1-11

- After reading the passage, what was the report concerning the city of Jerusalem that was given to Nehemiah? What was his reaction to this news?
- Is it right for us to feel compassion for those that are hurting, and yet do nothing for them? How should we help those that are struggling, whether it is spiritually, physically, emotionally, etc.?

Read Nehemiah 2:1-8

- After reading these verses, do you think Nehemiah's prayer was answered? Why or why not? Have you ever had a prayer answered in a similar way? Share with the group.
- Do you think Nehemiah had formulated a plan in advance of speaking with the king? What or who do you think gave him the courage to ask for so much?

Read Nehemiah 2:11-18

- After Nehemiah inspects the condition of the wall around the city, how does he involve others in his plan to rebuild the wall?
- What is MOST important in verse 18, as he stirs the others to get to work?
- What lessons can we learn from Nehemiah's example?

ANNOUNCEMENTS (refer to bulletin for details):

2015 Spring/Summer – The Galatians Project (*formerly known as Rent-A-Kid*)

June 13th 10am-6pm – No One Goes Hungry