

**Covenant Community Groups – Interactive Study Guide
Week of October 12, 2008**

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2. Questions:

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- What did God use to burden Nehemiah? What words/actions/situations does God use to burden you?
- Consider Nehemiah's initial reaction to a bleak situation. Why did he react that way? How do you first react when you become burdened?
- What major issues or problems are you aware of? What unmet needs are there in the world today?
- What is the Church's role in responding to these needs, issues and problems?
- What condition is the Church in today? What makes you weep and pound the table? (email your thoughts to teri.chinery@covenantchapel.com)
- What burden or problem is yours—and ours (the Church's)—to help fix? How can you imagine helping?

3. Break into smaller groups of men and women to share and pray

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