

## GO Group Questions

March 7, 2010

### “Divine Discontent”

Text: Nehemiah 1:1-4

Opener:

- What stories of tragedy have you heard recently?
- When has your heart been moved in tragedy, wanting to do something, but feeling so powerless?

Dig:

- What was Nehemiah’s job?
- What do Nehemiah's questions tell us about what concerns him?
- What news did people bring Nehemiah from Jerusalem?
- How are the exiles doing?
- Do you think that this is what Nehemiah expects to hear? Why?
- Who was Nehemiah, and what was his response to the news of the walls of Jerusalem?
- What is the condition of the city of Jerusalem?
- What is the significance of walls and gates to a city at this time in history?

Reflect:

- When you hear disappointing news, how do you respond?
- What makes you desperate for God on behalf of others? When do you fast? Pray? Mourn?
- When have you cared for something so deeply it moved you?
- Where might God be leading you to care for something new and different to move you once again?
- Do you feel that you must wear a mask and hide your emotions at work or at church?
- Why might hiding our feelings be a good thing to do at times?
- When does it become harmful to us?
- Do you have any suggestions about how we can be more open with one another?
- How can you become more of a person of prayer?
- How is God speaking to you in this passage?
- What are the greatest needs of those around me?