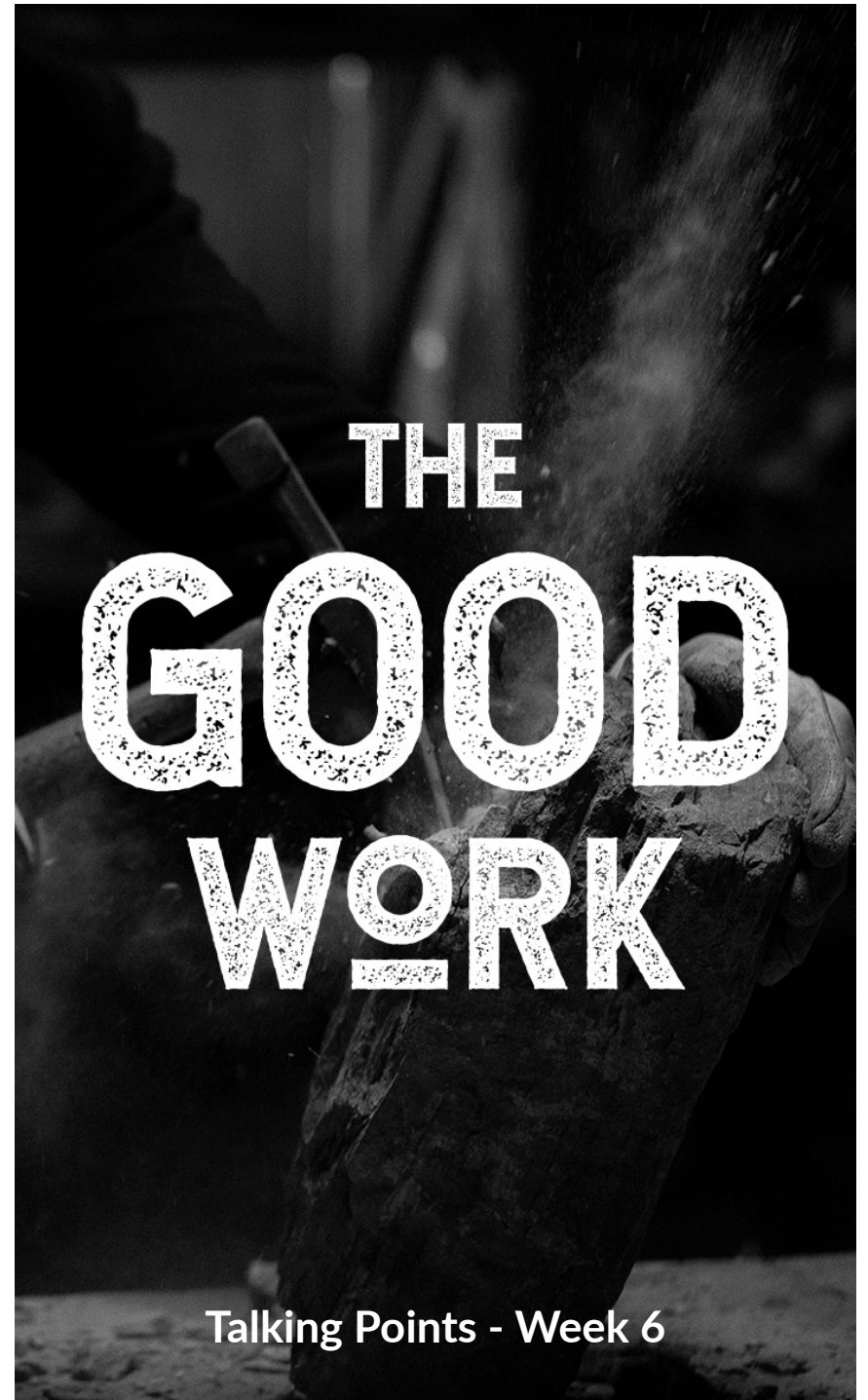


NOTES & QUOTES



CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. What is your attitude towards hosting? Do you like to be prepared and organized ahead of time? Or do you have a “go with the flow”, “come as you are” approach?
2. Have you ever had company arrive unexpectedly or stay longer than you had anticipated? Share.
3. As you think back over the six weeks we have spent in the book of Nehemiah, what thoughts do you have? What insights have you discovered? What has stood out or challenged you? What questions do you still have?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. In the book of Nehemiah, we receive many lessons about the nature and character of God? What aspect of God’s character is most evident to you in the book? When you think of God, what words quickly come to mind?
5. Read Nehemiah 10. The people affirm their covenant by committing themselves to honour God by who they married, how they spent their time and how they used their money. Why are these three areas so important? What authority do these Old Testament laws and covenants have on believers today?
6. In chapter 12:1-26, Nehemiah devotes much care to recording the names of the priests and Levites. Why do you think he goes into such detail? Refer to Numbers 3:9-10 to help with your answer.

7. Chapter 12 describes joyful worship occurring after the people have repented and taken an oath. How are faithfulness and repentance linked to joyful worship?
8. In chapter 13, we see the people break the covenant they just made with God. Why, even as believers, do we so easily drift into unholiness, rebellion, compromise, and indifference? How can we guard against this tendency to drift?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

9. Read John 14:21-24. How is obedience linked to loving Jesus in this passage? Is it possible to love Jesus and not obey Him? Explain.
10. In the last 5 chapters of the book, Nehemiah repeatedly requests for God to “remember me”. What is the significance of this request? How is it similar to the request made in Luke 23:42? In a sentence, what would you like your life to be remember for?
11. As you reflect on Nehemiah, and the rebuilding of the walls around Jerusalem, how has this story deepened your understanding of the gospel?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

“Father, I ask for Your forgiveness for the times I have treated Your commands lightly. I thank You that, even though I sin, You are kind and gracious to forgive me because of Jesus. I pray that You will give me a heart like Nehemiah’s, that fervently wants to see Your will done. I also pray that I will be faithful to You, not to earn Your favor, but because I already have it. In Christ’s name I pray. Amen.”