

Ruined - Connect group notes
When God is doing something NEW

Getting started....

If you haven't met for a while share your 1 summer highlight and lowlight...

Getting stuck in....

- Are you a future person, a past person or a live in the moment person?
 - Why is the NEW sometimes a challenge to people do you think?
- Read Nehemiah 2 v.11-20.....Reflect on the story....what strikes you from this?

- Imagine yourself as Nehemiah, what's going through your mind as you ride around the city? What are some of the emotions you might experience?
- How do you imagine the people who are living in the city to be during these days?
- How hard would it have been for Nehemiah to motivate the people to action and why?
- They experienced opposition, how demoralising would that have been and where do we face opposition to our faith these days?

Now let's get personal and practical....

- Where do you see or sense God is doing something **new** in your life?
- What is the next step you think you should take?
- Where do you need God or others to stand alongside you right now?

Finish by praying for one another....

Be open to the prophetic, in other words what you sense God might be saying to a person...this could be a word, a sentence, a song, a Bible verse, a picture of something you sense that could mean something to someone...

When you share something remember a few key principles...

- Don't say '*God is saying this...*' adopt a posture of humility, '*I sense God could be saying this...*'
- Do say it gently and with humility....
- Do stay open to the fact you may have got it wrong and that's ok!
- Don't second guess yourself, if you sense it say it!

