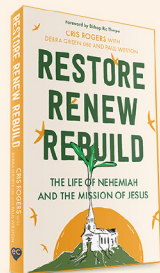


# RESTORE RENEW REBUILD



## Questions for discussion or reflection Session 1

If you're also reading Nehemiah alongside 'Restore, Renew, Rebuild', did you spot any examples or lessons in the first three books of Nehemiah that could apply to the restoration process ahead for the church and for ourselves?

Cris says that the most important part of his identity is as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Do we always prioritise becoming more like Jesus in our own lives or do we recognise the need for a restoration in our hearts?

Were there aspects of church that we were aware needed restoration pre-pandemic? What areas of brokenness in the church did we see revealed by the pandemic?

What does it mean to have our hearts restored back to God?

Can you identify places of alignment where your heart is broken by what breaks God's heart? How about places where you are out of alignment?

Cris lists a number of areas where the church has not shared God's focus and perspective, primarily: The environment, systemic racism, our care of the LGBTQ+ community. But also consumerism and individualistic attitudes, diversity in all its forms, care of those with disabilities and additional needs, sexual and spiritual abuse. Are there other issues that you feel the church needs to confess?

Cris reminds us that in James chapter five we are told that confession leads to healing - how might this look for ourselves and for the church in this process of restoration?