**“Dangerous Prayers – Pt 5”**

**Feb 8-9, 2025**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

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**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Ice Breaker:**What is the most expensive/valuable item you have ever lost or broken?

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins] **Read Nehemiah 1:3-1:10** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passages, ask them to share what most stands out to them.

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. Tom offered that a dangerous prayer to pray is to ask God to break our hearts for what breaks His.
   1. Have you ever prayed a prayer similar to this? What was the result?
   2. According to Tom one of things that can happen when we pray this prayer is that brokenness draws us near to God.
      1. How have you come closer to God as your heart is broken for what breaks His?
2. Secondly, Tom taught that brokenness aligns our hearts with the heart of God.
   1. Have your priorities ever shifted when you begin to pray these prayers?
      1. What sacrifices or changes were you called to make?
   2. Some of the things that break God’s heart according to scriptures is: lack of justice and mistreatment for the poor, widows, unborn, orphans, and foreigners (which including treating people poorly based on the color of their skin), when people reject His love and salvation, & disunity among believers.
      1. What do you think about this list? Is there anything you would add to it?
3. Thirdly, we learned that brokenness leads to prayerful and compassion.
   1. Have you ever been moved to act after praying this prayer?
   2. Are there any ways even now you sense God is inviting you to act/respond?
4. Lastly, brokenness in God’s hands can lead to purpose and restoration.
   1. How has God redeemed the brokenness in your own life?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins] Take prayer requests and pray for all group members.