

## Icebreaker:

Tell about a time you had a spiritual conversation with someone who did not know Jesus?

## **Announcements:**

We are looking for individuals and/or groups to help oversee a game at our upcoming Easter Eggstraganza- Saturday, March 28th, from 12 to 3 PM. Please contact Bill Simpson if you would like to help with this important outreach.

A key question discussed at our last Leadership Community meeting was this... What would happen if every person at LifePoint connected with someone they didn't know each week? Take a minute and discuss this as a group.

## **Prayer Time:**

## **Study Questions:**

Why does something like Kobe Bryant's death shake us so badly? What does it make us question? What about life does it challenge? Why do we spend so little time in our culture dealing with our own mortality?

What was the primary vehicle God used in the OT to get His work done and bring hope to the world- see Genesis 12:1-3; Deuteronomy 4:34-40. How did Israel squander her opportunity?

What is God's primary vehicle for getting His work done today- see 1 Peter 2:9-10; Ephesians 3:7-11 If the church is the primary means God brings glory to His name and introduces Himself to the world how should that impact our commitment, passion, and involvement in Jesus' body?

Nehemiah was passionate for God's people and work. Read Nehemiah 1:1-3. What was on Nehemiah's mind? Why is it easy to spend long stretches of our week not even thinking about God or the role we play in His story? Where should we focus our minds and heart.... See Colossians 3:1-4.

Read Nehemiah 1:4-9. Why is it hard sometimes to weep over the ruins of our broken world? How can our tendency to focus on ourselves and our own families keep us from seeing needs and being moved by the ruins around us? How can the sheer number of problems harden us? Instead of being overwhelmed what does Nehemiah do in VERSE 5? Why is it important that the ruins lead us to prayer?

**Conversational Prayer:** Dear God show me...