

## MAIN POINT

*When we reach spiritual milestones, we should celebrate what God has done and seek His vision for the future.*

## INTRODUCTION

When was a time you celebrated a significant anniversary such as a wedding milestone or an important birthday?

Why is it important to celebrate these type of milestones? Why is it important to recognize God's hand in our reaching these milestones?

**It is important to recognize and celebrate important milestones. Throughout the Bible, we see examples of God calling His people to recognize His work in their lives and set up ways to remember this work in the future. As a church, we are celebrating our 15 year anniversary. There is much for us to celebrate as we recognize God's work in our church family over this time. Looking at the Book of Nehemiah, we can see parallels between the way God has worked in His people in the past and the way He has done so in our church family today.**

## DISCUSSION

> **READ NEHEMIAH 1:3-4; 2:8; 6:15.**

In Nehemiah 1, what was the burden of Nehemiah that led him to action?

What burden(s) has the Lord used to begin and continue c|Life?

What specific burdens have led to your involvement in c|Life over the years?

In Nehemiah 2, the people received divine help in pursuing their mission. What examples do you know of our church receiving divine help through our history?

What are some ways you have experienced God's divine help personally over this time?

Why is it important to recognize and remember these moments and not just pass them by or consider them a result of coincidence?

What are some things you may need to revisit in our church family or individually to recognize and celebrate the work of God and not mere happenstance?

In Nehemiah 6, we see Nehemiah's commitment to the mission God had given him. What is the mission God has give us at c|Life?

How are you committed to this mission both individually and as part of our larger body?

## APPLICATION

**How has your life been changed by God's work through c|Life over the last 15 years? Is there somewhere God is giving you a renewed burden or calling you to fresh commitment as part of our church family?**