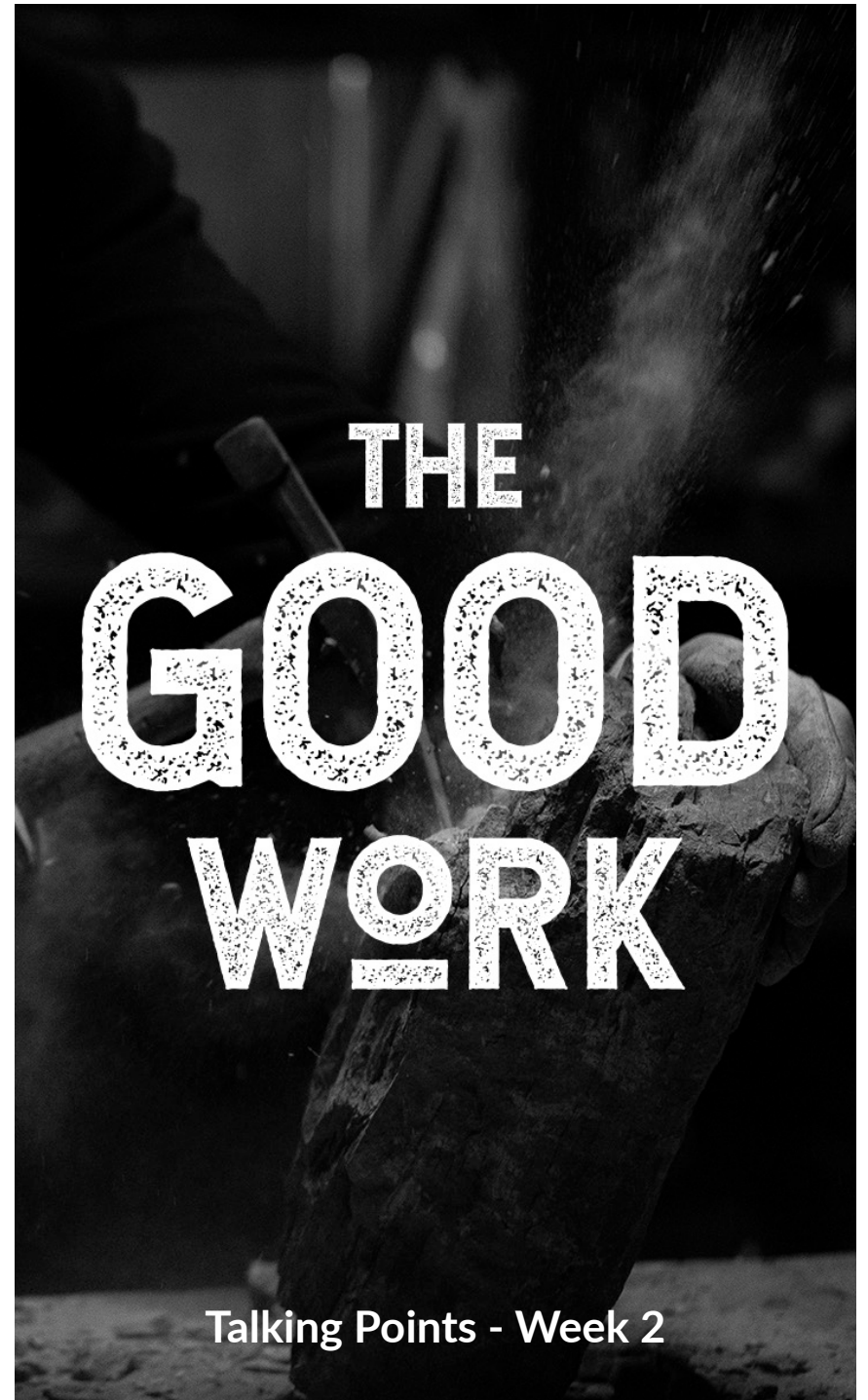


## NOTES & QUOTES



## **CONNECT** (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. What is something in life that you are very passionate about?
2. What is something that really bothers you? Not just a “pet peeve”, but rather something you see as an injustice or a need.
3. Have you ever been a part of a cause where you felt your efforts made a real difference?

## **THRIVE** (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read Luke 14:28-33, Proverbs 21:5 and James 4:13-15. What do these verses tell us about the concept of planning?
5. Read Nehemiah 2:5-9 and Proverbs 13:16; 18:15. What are some principles you can glean from these verses? What could go wrong with the decision-making process even after wise research and counsel? Do problems and struggles after making a decision prove that the decision was not God’s will? Why or why not?
6. Read Nehemiah 2:12. We see that the work of God always starts at His initiative. What work has God done in your heart that’s prepared you for action? Maybe that’s something good or bad that’s happened to you. Maybe it’s just an idea or burden.

7. Read Nehemiah 2:5-8. Nehemiah and the king discuss Nehemiah’s request. What seems significant to you in this conversation? How do these insights apply to our own responses to God’s leading in our lives?
8. In verse 10 of chapter 2, Nehemiah faces his first opposition from people. Read Titus 2:7-8 and Matthew 5:10-12. What do these verses tell us about facing opposition?

## **COMMIT** (BE ON MISSION)

9. When pursuing a good work, we’re called to seek God faithfully, define our vision clearly, make plans carefully and inspire people passionately. How can you do one of these things this week?
10. How can you encourage someone this week to believe that God can use them in a significant way?
11. Spend some time this week crying out to God faithfully to increase your passion in an area you are feeling called to help in.

### **PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY**

“Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and it’s gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.” I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.”

Nehemiah 2:17-18