



WEEK ONE

## Holy Discontent

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What keeps rumbling in your soul, refusing to let up? What about the status quo bothers you so intensely that you just have to do something to fix the wrongs in your world? God wants to use your holy discontent to make a positive difference in the world, just like He did long ago with Nehemiah.

### STUDY QUESTIONS

**1. Have you ever been dissatisfied with the status quo?** What were the circumstances?

What did you do?

**2. What is the danger in being too comfortable with the way things are?**

**3. Take a look at Nehemiah 1:1-11.** What were Nehemiah's circumstances?

What changed in verse 3?

What did he do next? Why?

**4. What does the term "holy discontent" mean?**

Have you ever felt this way about something? When? What did you do about it?

**5. Pastor and author Bill Hybels wrote: "The most inspired, motivated, and driven people I know are the ones who live their lives from the energy of their holy discontent. They have a constant awareness that what is wrecking them is wrecking the heart of God." What would you say "wrecks" the heart of God?**

What does it mean to you to live your life from the energy of your discontent?

**6. Read the story of David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17. What was the situation? What was David's "holy discontent?"**

What did he do about it? Was there risk involved?

Based on what did David make his decisions and take his actions? Did he feed his content or did he flee from it?

**Memorize Philippians 4:13** — "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

**Personal Meditation:** What is it you simply cannot tolerate because it makes you angry or sad? Answering this question is key to making a difference in this world. It's been said that the greatest contributions are made when we work out of the areas of our holy discontent...