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God at Work (Psalm 147)

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NOTE: There are more questions below than you are expected to answer. Please just choose a few that are relevant for your personal reflection & application.

1. What was your major take away from the message this morning?
2. Psalms 146-150 all begin and end with the phrase, "Praise the Lord." How easy is it for you to begin and end your days in praise? What are the key issues that prevent you from doing so?
3. While Nehemiah oversaw the building of the wall in an amazing 52 days, the work of God in which Nehemiah took part lasted about ninety years. (Scale 1-10) How easy is it for you to get frustrated at God's delay in doing what you ask? What does the Nehemiah and Psalm 147 connection encourage you to do to overcome such frustration?
4. "Construction is '50% showing up and 60% math.'" How much of life is about showing up? How much of discipleship is the "atrocious math" of grace? We show up and God adds the rest? Share an example of where you chose to show up and God used you to bless another person.
5. We've all had times when we were physically in one place but mentally in another. Most of the time, it's not a real problem — except maybe when it comes to being fully present in Christ in our work. What are the challenges you face in being fully present with the people you work with? Would you be willing to share one challenge with the group and commit this to prayerful accountability?
6. Some people think their job isn't as significant. In this Psalm, God is presented as a builder, shepherd, doctor, nurse, artist, teacher, judge, accountant and an astronomer. If the Psalm reflects God in our work (profession), how can we reflect God through our work (profession)? What aspects of your profession reflect God's work?
7. Not only are we to reflect God in our work, but we are also called to reflect God in *how* we work. How does this thought challenge your attitude in work this coming week? Share a challenging situation or working relationship with your group and commit it to prayer. When you next meet, share how God worked in how you worked.