



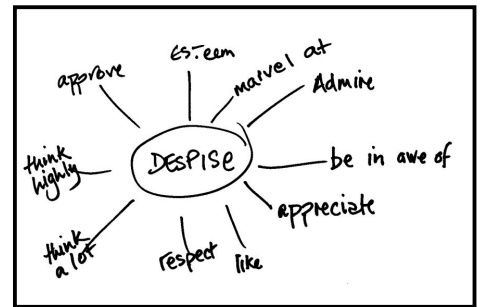
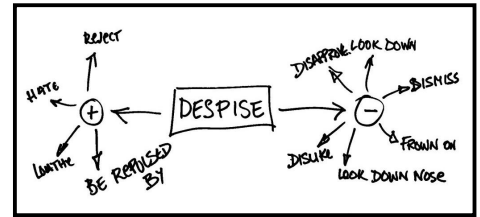
# MISSIONAL VALUES—2

GOD'S MISSION IS WIDER THAN EVANGELISM. ONE SIMPLE WAY OF DESCRIBING IT IS RESTORATION. ACTS 3:21.

## 2. SAY "WOW—BUT DON'T EXAGGERATE."

### Brainstorm

- As a whole group read Zechariah 4:10. What small things can you see in church and personal life where there are small signs of progress which you wish were greater?
- Write the word despise in the middle of a large sheet of paper. Draw a box around it and draw short arrows on either side, one to a plus sign and one to a minus. Around the plus, list brainstorm words that are more **intense** versions of despise. Around the minus list words that are **weaker** (less intense) words than despise but still convey similar meanings
- Write the word despise in the middle of a large sheet of paper. Draw a circle around it and make a spider diagram of opposites to the word despise.



PLEASE ONLY USE THE EXAMPLES TO DROP HINTS IF PEOPLE STRUGGLE. IT WOULD BE BETTER TO TAKE A THESAURUS TO THE MEETING AND INVITE PEOPLE TO USE THAT IF THEY ARE STUCK!

- Look again at the second diagram you have produced. How can you find a position between not despising, on one hand, and exaggerating, on the other.

### Think

Zechariah was prophesying around the time of Ezra and Nehemiah so Nehemiah is the kind of real-life situation he had in mind.

- In small groups, read Nehemiah 4 from a translation like GNB, The Message, Youth Bible or Living Bible. (If you cell has none of these please contact a core team member who will be able to help.)
- Nehemiah was under pressure to despise the day of small things. Identify the pressures from, outside the community, inside the community and from within his own thinking. Look for parallels for us.

(If you want to run this study over two weeks, encourage people to retell the story as a modern building event—most fun as a 'Bob the Builder' story. If you manage it let us know and we'll run it on Sunday morning

### Act (Please allow at least 10 minutes for this section)

In smaller groups, go back to your list of small things and practice making statements about them that are the opposite of despising. What is there in your personal mission that you can do the positive opposites about (if you know what I mean)