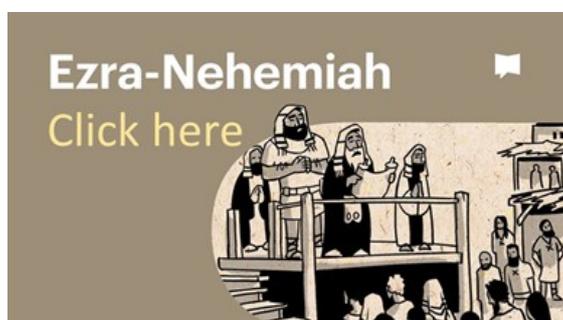




A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH, LOOKING AT THE RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH ...

Continuing our journey together through the book of Nehemiah ...

If you haven't seen the 8-minute video clip played in our on-line service last Sunday, or you want to watch it again, click on this link ...



This Bible Project video gives a great introduction to and explanation of the book of Nehemiah (and its 'partner book', Ezra) ...

WEEK 2 **ACHIEVING GOD'S PURPOSES THROUGH OUR GOD-GIVEN DREAMS**

Our theme this week is 'DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE'.

What are the dreams for the future that God is planting in our hearts as we move into this post-lockdown era, and try and get our heads around the 'new normal'?

How do we discern what He is saying to us?

What if we don't like what we hear because there's a significant cost involved?

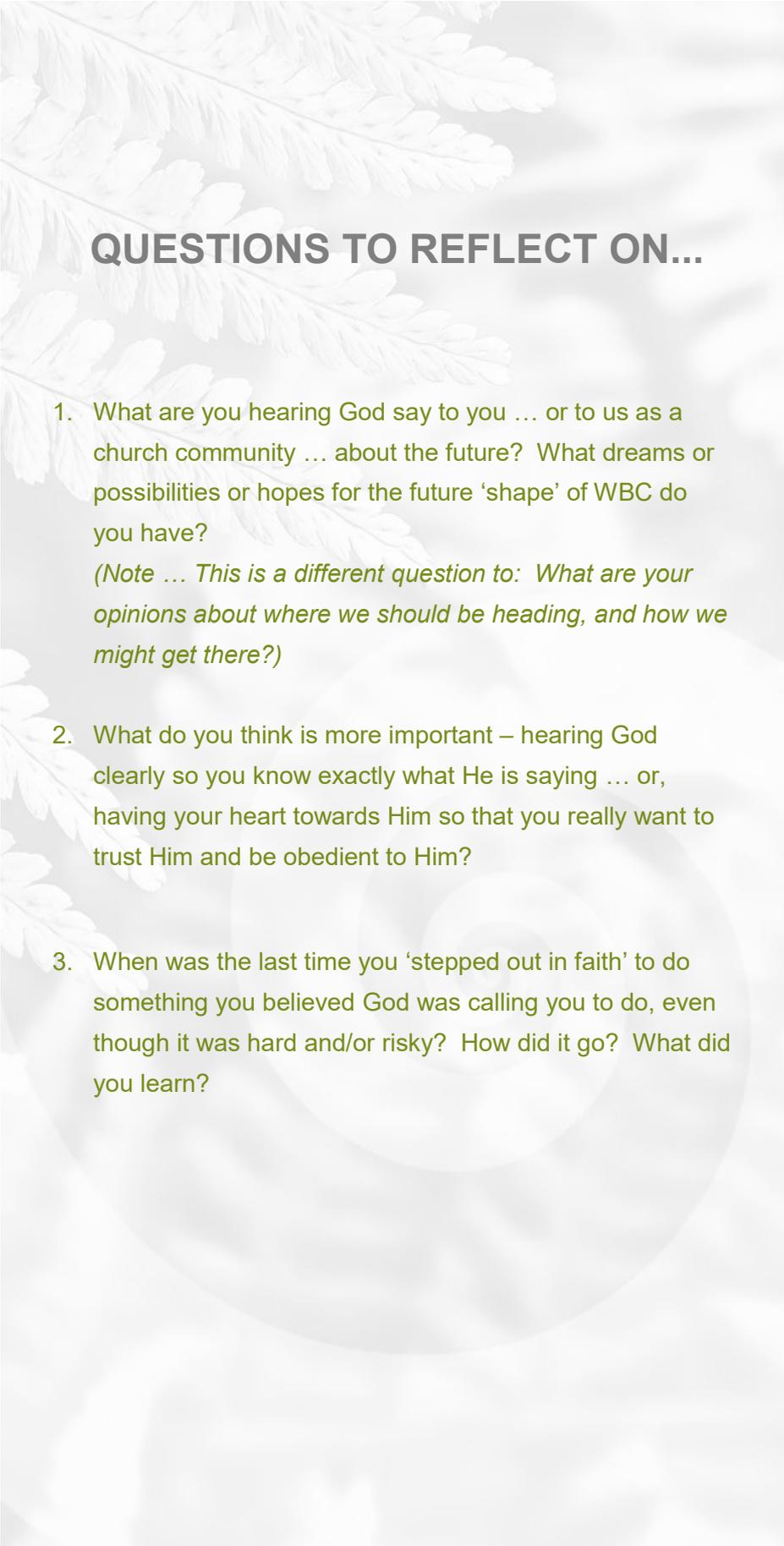
Are we willing to step out in faith?

And what does Nehemiah's story have to teach us about all this?

The Scripture passage for your personal reading and reflection this week, as we make our way through the book of Nehemiah, is **Nehemiah 2:9 to 3:32.**



A BIRD FLIES ON TWO WINGS,
AND THE CHRISTIAN CO-EXISTS
IN TWO REALITIES. EVERYTHING
RESTS ON GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY, HIS
INVOLVEMENT AND LEADING, AND
EVERYTHING RESTS ON PEOPLE'S
EFFORTS IN RESPONSE!



QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON...

1. What are you hearing God say to you ... or to us as a church community ... about the future? What dreams or possibilities or hopes for the future 'shape' of WBC do you have?
(Note ... This is a different question to: What are your opinions about where we should be heading, and how we might get there?)
2. What do you think is more important – hearing God clearly so you know exactly what He is saying ... or, having your heart towards Him so that you really want to trust Him and be obedient to Him?
3. When was the last time you 'stepped out in faith' to do something you believed God was calling you to do, even though it was hard and/or risky? How did it go? What did you learn?