



**National  
Community  
Church**

## **For Such A Time As This**

*January 9th & 10th*

**Speaker:** Dr. Mark Batterson

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 33:12

### **Sermon Overview**

*There are weeks when nothing happens, and there are weeks when decades happen. This felt like one of those weeks. This weekend we catch our breath and collect our thoughts after a difficult week in Washington, DC. We are here for such a time as this. We are here for such a place as this. We stand in the gap as peacemakers, grace givers, and tone setters. We believe God for racial reconciliation and political healing. We remind ourselves of who we are, where we are, and why we are as a church.*

### **Message-Specific Discussion Questions:**

Give space for the events that transpired on January 6th on Capitol Hill. **What thoughts & feelings popped up for you?**

Pastor Mark shared a quote from Albert Einstein: “We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.” In light of this week, **what does it look like to love our enemies, pray for those who persecute us, and bless those who curse us?**

Take a moment and reflect on 2 Chronicles 7:14. God promises to heal our land if we make the conscious efforts to turn from wicked ways and humble ourselves into prayer. **What wicked ways led to the events this week? How do our prayers differ when we approach God in humility?**

Take a moment to contemplate the question: **“For you, What is next?”** How is the Spirit leading you to respond?