



Week #3 in The Book of Nehemiah

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Coming Together

- How do you typically respond to obstacles to your life's plan?
- Nehemiah takes a 12-year leave of absence from his cup bearing duties to care for his people and rebuild the walls in Jerusalem. What would you do if you could take a 12-week paid leave of absence from work? Why would you do this?

Growing in Our Understanding

1. Before Nehemiah was a wall builder and a governor, he was an employee of King Artaxerxes (Neh 1:11). Read Nehemiah 2:1-10:
 - What is Nehemiah's attitude toward his boss?
 - What characteristics do we see in Nehemiah, the employee, that allow him to influence his boss?
2. In Nehemiah 2:1-9, 13-16, what issues has Nehemiah had to plan for and think through in order to accomplish his plan?
3. What do the following passages teach us about successful planning?
 - Proverbs 4:26
 - Proverbs 13:16

- Proverbs 16:9
- Proverbs 22:3
- Luke 14:28

Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles

1. What was Nehemiah's reaction to his opposition? See Nehemiah 2:10, 19-20.
2. What does Nehemiah do in 2:17-19 to rally the people? Why were the people motivated to work?
3. What can we learn about planning from Ephesians 5:15-17?

Deepening Our Hearts for God

- What have you learned about God from Nehemiah 2?
- What have you learned thus far in our study of Nehemiah that has challenged you to be a more effective leader? In what area of your life is God asking you to be a better leader? How can your group pray for you about this?

Looking Ahead

1 Corinthians 14:40 says everything should be done fittingly. Read Nehemiah 3. How does Nehemiah go about rebuilding the wall in a fitting way?