

“The Stuff of Leaders”
Nehemiah 2:11-20

Ice Breaker:

If you asked your boss for a leave of absence, what would you do during that time?

Read: Nehemiah 2:11-20

1. What insight, principle or observation did you find to be most fresh, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. What can we learn about God from this passage?
3. What do you think Nehemiah did during his first three days in Jerusalem? (verse 11)
4. How can we know if what is in our mind to do is from God or not? (verse 12)
5. When do you find it most difficult for you to act?
 - A. When the project looks impossible and overwhelming?
 - B. When it looks like too few others want to pitch in?
 - C. When people are mocking your efforts?
6. What reasons did Nehemiah give for trying to rebuild the walls again? (verse 17) What was the people's response? (verse 18)
7. In what ways does our culture today, directly or indirectly, dishonor God? (verse 17)
8. What lies in ruin that God has put on your heart to work at rebuilding?
9. What kind of sacrifice of comfort, security and resources will that require on your part?

Pray with each other:

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When crisis and challenges, great need and problems hit hard, that is when the leader is most needed. Perhaps you are facing a relational, financial, spiritual, mental, emotional or vocational need. You know this area you are responsible for needs to change, but you aren't sure what to do next? How does a leader take people from where they are to where they need to be? The stuff of leaders is taking people from here to there. Join me this morning as we study how Nehemiah led well in the face of great need.

1. See it. (verses 11-16)

2. Strategize. (verses 11, 12)

3. Inspire. (verses 17, 18)

4. Stick with it. (verses 19, 20)

Next Step:

Ask yourself, *"Lord, what have you put on my heart to do?"* What lies in ruin that God has put on your heart to work at rebuilding?

What kind of sacrifice of comfort, security and resources will that require on your part?