

# REBUILD

EZRA - NEHEMIAH

## Part 3: WORK Nehemiah 2.1-8, 16-18

### Key Points :

Each of us has something that bothers us, that weighs on us - an injustice, a need, something that's missing that is a burden to us. **The burden you bear often reveals the calling you'll embrace.**

Nehemiah has a burden for rebuilding Jerusalem which is in ruins (Neh 1.3-4). He is not a leader, a priest, a prophet or a builder - just an ordinary lowly servant. But he **seeks God faithfully** in prayer for 4 months and brings this burden to the king (Neh 2.4-5) and **defines the vision clearly** ("*send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried.*" v.5). He also **makes plans carefully** (v.6-8) as he sets out requests for protection and provision, but plans don't need to be perfect, they just need to focus on the next step. Finally (v.16-18), Nehemiah shares his plans with the people and they are inspired to join him.

God calls each of us to do the same - what's your burden? Seek God, do the work and make the difference.

### Questions:

#### Conversation Starter

1. What's something that bothers you? Not just a pet peeve—something you see as a real injustice or need.

#### Start Thinking & Sharing

2. Why is seeking God faithfully before starting a good work the most important place to begin?
3. Read Nehemiah 2:5-8. How can a clear vision and careful planning help us as we start to pursue a good work?
4. How can you encourage others to believe that God can empower them to do something that matters?
5. How do you feel about rebuilding Springfield?

#### Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

6. Father, thank You for the passions You've given each of us. Help us to use these passions to serve You and others. Shape our vision for the work You would have us do and guide us as we plan for the future. Allow others to see our passion, so they might be inspired to serve as well. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

#### Start doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

7. Share a passion God has given you with someone you know this week, and encourage them to share their God-given passion as well.