**Messages Series: Building the Kingdom Together**

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**God’s Provision for A Tough Job**

Nehemiah 2:1-10

**Key truth:** Whenever there is a **vision** from God there is **provision** by God.

**Some Biblical Insights into Prayer:**

1. God uses **patience** and **persistence** to mature us in

 prayer.

2. God is working behind the **scenes** even when we

 can’t understand it all.

3. God uses **unlikely** people to accomplish His

 purpose.

**Nehemiah’s Responsibility:**

1. To **discern** what God is doing and **join** Him.

2. To develop a **plan** to carry out the will of God

 A. **Faith** is no excuse for a **failure** to plan.

3. To ask in **faith** and believe God to do the

 **impossible**.

**The Hand of God on Nehemiah’s life:**

1. The hand of God brought **favor** and **blessing** with

 the king. Proverbs 16:7, Proverbs 21:1

2. The hand of God will also attract **hostility** from

 your enemies.

 A. Opposition often **reinforces** the will of God.

**Conclusion:** Get involved in what God is doing.

**Connection Group Study Questions**

**Quick Review:** Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. In our world of fast food and access to information on social media at a rapid pace, patience is not something we desire. However when it comes to prayer patience is very important. Are you patient or impatient? How has that affected your prayer life?

2. Read Genesis 16:1-6. How did the refusal of Abraham and Sarai to wait for the promise of God lead to trouble in their marriage? Is there a time in your life where you were impatient and things didn’t go well?

3. Nehemiah secures the trust and respect of a pagan king without compromising his commitment to God. How can we do the same today with those in positions of authority over us?

How would you describe your relationship with your superior?

4. To what does Nehemiah attribute the success of his petitions (2:8b)?

Think of a time when you risked rejection or failure to pursue the will of the Lord. How did the good hand of God grant you favor?

5. In chapter 2 we see Nehemiah’s boldness. Are you bold like Nehemiah? What relationship or situation needs you to be bolder?