**Messages Series: Building the Kingdom Together**

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**Let Us Rise Up And Build**

Nehemiah 2:11-20

**Key truth:** God’s mission takes a TEAM effort.

1. Your private ministry before God is more important

 than your public ministry.

 A. Silence and solitude opens the heart to receive

 instruction from God.

 B. Discernment isn’t just knowing what to do but

 when to share it.

2. A spiritual leader is one who motivates others to

 accomplish great things for God.

 A. Nehemiah identified with the people.

 B. He stressed the seriousness of the situation.

 C. He described what God had done through him for

 their good.

 D. He was willing to get his hands dirty.

 E. He was confident that God would make them

 victorious.

3. Nehemiah responds to opposition:

 A. Nehemiah placed his trust in God.

 B. Nehemiah didn’t get sidetracked by his

 critics.

 C. Nehemiah refused to compromise.

**Conclusion:** Get involved in discipleship.

**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. Read Nehemiah 2:12b When God puts something on our heart; the core issue is always spiritual? Is there anything that God has placed on your heart? How does it glorify and build up His Kingdom?

2. Read 1 Peter 4:12-19: Insults and criticisms are never easy to embrace. However as Christians we should expect it. The Apostle Peter gave instructions to the disciples on how they were to live in the midst of hostility. How have you handle criticism in the past?

3. Read Matthew 14:23, Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16, Luke 6:12. Jesus practiced silence and solitude during His time on earth. How often do you get away with God? Why or why not?

4. John 13:12-17. Why do you think Jesus put a higher commodity on serving others when it comes to leaders? How did Nehemiah demonstrate his willingness to serve? Do you have a servant’s heart?

5. Read Nehemiah 2:19-20: The end of this chapter, we have been introduced to three opponents to Nehemiah’s vision:

• Sanballat the Horonite

• Tobiah the Ammonite

• Geshem the Arab

What does God want us to understand about the nature and degree of the opposition Nehemiah faced?