

Courageous Leadership

Session 6



‘The God of Heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall’

Nehemiah 1:20

UP: Introduction

- How do you feel when you see a job half done?
- In what areas of your life are you influential, where do you have influence?
- How do you go about making change?

IN: Explore READ: Nehemiah 1-2

Context:

In this passage Nehemiah is informed of a job half done. His response was to lead change - to complete the task at hand. And this required him to influence others.

As we read through these first 2 chapters of Nehemiah - there are a series of steps that Nehemiah moves through. As a LIFEgroup take a look at these 5 steps, and maybe choose one or some to focus on.

Ask the question: *who does this/these steps speak to me about the areas of my life where I am seeking change (either personally or in a leadership capacity)?*

1. **Passion** - his heart broken... (1:3-4) Often the first step in God using us, is that he puts something on our hearts
2. He **Prayed** & Poured out his heart to God (1:4-11). Honest. Repentant. Bold prayers. (maybe read through his prayer a few times)
3. He needed other **People**. He had to seek assistance and help from others. He was prayerfully emboldened to make BIG asks!
4. He **Paused** to **Perceive** the specific need (2:13-15). He took a little time to see what really needed to be done and how. Didn't immediately rush in... but discerned.
5. He got **Practical**, didn't procrastinate but **Proceeded** to make a difference (2:17). There came a point where he told others the plan and then got on and did it!

OUT: Impact

- Turn your reflections into pray for each other, and others you are reminded to pray for.