

Nehemiah Series: "Rebuilding to Transform"

Message Nehemiah 2 – "Ready, Fire, Aim."

Message 1 - First Things First the Ministry of Prayer – Pray On

"Get Up off your knees and Get the Lord's Work Done!"

Spiritual Leaders - Pray and Plan - Seeking God to Join God in what he is doing! A Spiritual Leader's role is to get God's people onto God's Agenda.

Phases for Getting Things Done for God.

1. Pray and _____. Nehemiah 1
2. Pray through a _____ Nehemiah 2:1-5 (Plan)
 - The Opportunity (v. 1-2).
 - The Respect, Response, Reasons (v.3-4).
3. Pray and _____ the _____ Plan. (v. 4b-7)
 - Answer Questions.
 - Ask for _____ and _____
4. God Provides Provision, _____, and _____. (v.7-9)
 - Passage from the governors. (v.7).
 - _____ from Asaph (v.8). (Resources)
 - Protection with a Posse (v.9).
 - People join his team.

Green Light to Go!!!

5. Progress leads _____ and a Reality Check (v.10-20)
 - Boys in Opposition (v10, 19) – Red Light
 - Inspection of the Rubble (v.11-16) – Yellow Light
 - Paints the Vision and the Challenge (v.17-20)
 - Rebuilding Starts. "Press On"

Personal and Life Group Questions

1. Why are praying, preparation and planning so important for moving forward to do the will of God?
2. Nehemiah demonstrates the elements of an effective appeal in a very difficult situation. What does he do to develop his approach with King Art?
3. As Nehemiah moves into Jerusalem he survey's the city, the ruins and listens to others. Why is this important for leaders to take the time to explore, inspect and listen before they proceed with a plan of action?
4. As you look at Nehemiah as a spiritual, servant leader what are three things that stand out about his approach?
5. With progress comes opposition. How does Nehemiah deal with this initial opposition?
6. What is the laser focus vision of Nehemiah? Nehemiah is not a dreamer, opinion leader or idea giver because he has a plan that demands action. State in 10 words or less his overall God-given vision.
7. When was the last time you took time to survey and inspect your neighbourhood or community? What is the top need or "ruin" that God has been showing you to pray, plan about taking action on for Him?
8. Nehemiah is developing a team with resources to get this ministry completed for the people of Jerusalem. Why do leaders need partners for a ministry team to accomplish what God wants them to do? Are there other scriptural examples of the team approach to ministry?
9. What is the one personal take away from this message that you want to implement this week in your spiritual life?
10. How can Nehemiah's example of prayer and planning assist us as we move into the future as Oxford Baptist church?