



Strategic Leadership

Nehemiah 2

1. Are you more of a “detailed planner” type or “cross that bridge when you get there” type? How has that helped you? How has it caused trouble for you?
2. In Nehemiah 2 we learn that Nehemiah spent 4 months praying after he heard about the condition of the city of Jerusalem. Would you normally equate those 4 months with strategy, apathy, or fear? Why? What was the last issue that you prayed about for an extended time? How do you think that time of prayer influenced your attitude and actions in that situation?
3. Though he may not have realized it before this time, Nehemiah was in a unique position to address the needs in Jerusalem. As we read Nehemiah 2, how do we see Nehemiah’s awareness of the risk he was taking in speaking up to the King?
4. Has there been a time that you took a risk in your position for something you believed in? Share the circumstances and results with the group.
5. Nehemiah took a big risk with the King. How do we see Nehemiah leveraging his position to address his holy discontent?

6. What is your “position” in life at this point? Do you think of your position as a strategic placement by God? What does it say about our view of God if we think our position cannot be strategic for His Kingdom? How would your day-to-day life be different if you saw your position as a strategic opportunity for God’s purposes?

7. Do you have (or are you developing) a holy discontent in your life? Briefly explain to the group what your discontent revolves around (or what you *think* it may revolve around). It could be a personal issue, a family dynamic, a need in the community, or a larger societal issue like human trafficking.

8. How do you think God can use your current position in life to help address this issue or need? What risks will you need to take in order to leverage your position for this purpose? What might prevent you from taking those risks?

9. As you end this part of your group time, pray together that God will give you a holy discontent for the things that break His heart and that He will give you the strength and boldness to take the necessary risks to leverage your position in life to address that need or issue.