

Raising a Team
September 22, 2024
Nehemiah 2:11-20

OPENING PRAYER:

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace, so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses, and so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- There are often two types of people: (a) thorough planning or (b) going with the flow. Which one are you most often? What makes you say that? Do you ever change?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Nehemiah 2:11-20.

- What surprises you from this passage?
- While we do not have the exact prayer in 2:4-8 we see the results. What are they?
- How does the prayer in chapter 2 compare to the prayer in chapter 1?
- When you are doing God's work, do you expect opposition, attack, frustration? Please share an example.
- What seems to be the motivation for people to work on their part of the wall?
- There is a natural progression to completing a project for God:
 - Prayer, Vision, Developing unity among the members, Doing the work.
 - How have you seen this progression at work in any groups you have been a part of?
- In Nehemiah: The Courage to Face Opposition, Don Fields says that a gifted leader can motivate others; but a job usually gets done because of prayer and unity among believers. This is because vision is primarily spiritual and not material. What is your insight to this quote?
- What motivates you to get a job done?

NEXT STEPS:

- Which gives you more difficulty: external criticism or internal fears? What does God want to teach you in your answer?
- What area in your life is there so much rubble that you need to rebuild? Can you trust your group to share that for the prayer needed today? Can you trust God to create something wonderful out of the rubble?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way.
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.
-- Annie Johnson Flint