**Let’s Rebuild 2 – Preparing for a tough job. Nehemiah 2:1-10**

**Leader notes**

**Hook**

**1. When’s the last time you sent out a work resume? How did you feel sending it out/giving it to someone?**

**2. What’s a key strength you would list on your resume?**

**3. What leader do you most respect in your work place? Why? Is Nehemiah the type of leader you respect? What do you like most about him?** (Person of prayer; Knows how to ask good questions; concerned about problems; Confesses his sins; A good worker; Has confidence in God’s promises; ready to lead a project and willing to move 1400 kilometers to make it happen)

**Book**

**4. Nehemiah waited 4 months between his prayer in chapter and the opportunity to speak to the king. Why did it take so long? What do you think Nehemiah learned in that time?** (Prayer warriors must wait patiently – Read Psalm 37:34. Quiet reflection may have provided Nehemiah with fresh insight about how to approach the king.)

**5. Read the edict of King Artaxerxes in Ezra 4:21. Why was Nehemiah afraid to be sad and why was Nehemiah’s request risky?** (He could lose his job or his life)

**6. What were the three things Nehemiah requests of the king?**

6.1 Permission to be sent to Jerusalem;

6.2 Protection – to be accompanied by soldiers.

6.3 Provision – for wood from the king’s forest.

**7. Does planning for things we are praying about show a lack of faith or does it demonstrate faith that God will answer?** (Faith is no substitute for careful planning. While you’re waiting on God, it’s good to think through an appropriate plan of action for your work.)

**8. Read Nehemiah 2:8. Who was responsible for giving Nehemiah permission, protection and provision? Read Colossians 3:24. Who is our real provider?** (Only God could have brought about such a dramatic change in the king’s mind. Nehemiah knew that the king’s permission, protection and provision were really God’s permission, protection and provision).

**Look**

**9. How does Nehemiah 2 illustrate the truth of Proverbs 21:1?**

**10. Whose job is it to change the hearts of those around you whom you’d like to change?**

**11. Who else in Scripture besides Nehemiah had world changing influence by leading from “the second chair”?** (Joseph, Daniel, Esther). What influence do you have in your work that you could leverage for the sake of God’s kingdom?

**Took**

**12. What is the #1 thing you’re praying about in 2020?**

**13. What are some of the goals and plans you have in the next year, both as an individual and as a group?**