

# NEHEMIAH: A TIME TO BUILD

## Part 2: Working with God

July 18, 2021

### TEACHING NOTES

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MAIN TEXT: Nehemiah 1:11-2:8

#### A. GOD'S JOB AND YOUR JOB

1. God's job: \_\_\_\_\_ you for His purpose.
  - Nehemiah 1:11b, *I was cupbearer to the king.*
  - Acts 17:26-27 (NIV), *[God] made all the nations...he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands ... so that they would seek Him.*
2. Your job: \_\_\_\_\_ God's purpose wherever He placed you.
  - Colossians 3:17 (NLT), *Whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus.*

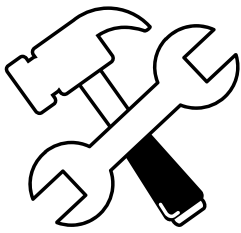
#### B. 7 STEPS FOR WORKING WITH GOD AT YOUR JOB:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for God's favor. (Nehemiah 1:11a)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ for an opportunity and wait. (Nehemiah 2:1a)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ fear, but don't let it stop you. (Nehemiah 2:1-4)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ your destination. (Nehemiah 2:5)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a deadline. (Nehemiah 2:6)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the obstacles you will face. (Nehemiah 2:7-8a)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ God to meet your needs. (Nehemiah 2:8b)

### COMMUNION REFLECTION

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1. God positioned Nehemiah in a secular job to fulfill God's purpose. How are you pursuing God's purpose to reach the next person for Jesus in your day job? Ask God's Spirit to help you expand your vision of your job.
2. What is your next step from today's lesson?



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### DISCUSSION

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#### Read & Discuss

Read through the main scripture(s) from the lesson and the Teaching Notes on the back.

Scripture(s): Nehemiah 1:1-11 - 2:9

1. What stood out to you from the scripture or the lesson?
2. What do these scriptures tell us about God?
3. What do they tell us about people?

### GOING DEEPER

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#### Reflect

1. How often do you think about your profession being part of God's plan to reach the next person for Jesus? For those that don't consider it often, how might that change how you view your current profession?
2. What opportunities does your current job give you to reach the next person for Jesus that you otherwise wouldn't have?
3. How did you see *God* work last week?
4. How is the *Spirit* calling you to be obedient to what you read this week?
5. Who is on your heart to share *Jesus* with this week?

#### Pray

1. What can you thank God for?
2. What can you ask God to help with?
3. How can God help you be obedient to His word this week?

### CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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Colossians 3:17-24	Matthew 5:13-16	Proverbs 12:1; 14:23; 16:3	Titus 2:7-8	Jeremiah 29:11