

# Stepping out to Do What God has Called You to Do

## Nehemiah 2:10-20

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**Ice Breaker:** What is the craziest thing you've ever let someone convince you to do? How did other people react to you when you did it?

**BIG IDEA:** Even though Nehemiah knew that it was God who had called him to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, he took very measured steps before beginning the rebuilding project. Nehemiah serves as an example for us to follow as we pursue those visions that God has laid on our hearts.

### Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Nehemiah 2:10-16. What are some of the strategic steps that Nehemiah takes – before he even says a word to the people of Jerusalem about the vision God has laid on his heart?
- 2) Read Nehemiah 2:17-18. How does Nehemiah communicate his solidarity with the people of Jerusalem in these verses? Pastor Joshua says, "People don't care what you know until they know that you care." What are some ways that you can live this principle out as you seek to make a difference for Christ in this world?
- 3) Read Nehemiah 2:19. How did Nehemiah's enemies try to derail the mission? What are the specific ways that the enemy (Satan) tries to sabotage God's work in your life: Fear, anxiety, the shame of your past?
- 4) Read Nehemiah 2:20. How does Nehemiah respond to opposition? How might Nehemiah's example inform the way you respond when the enemy opposes you? If time permits, share the specific way that you sense the enemy trying to sabotage God's work in you – and then pray a personalized version of Nehemiah's response (v20) for one another.