

Nehemiah: The Power of Planning -- Shayne Brown

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Benjamin Franklin

Nehemiah 2:4-3:32

- **Confidence in the Promises of God**

Nehemiah 2:5-8, Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 16:13-20, Acts 5:14

- **Communicate the Reality and the Dream**

Nehemiah 2:11-18, 1 Tim 2:3-4, John 3:16-17

"The gospel frees us up to not pretend, which is why it's baffling to me that so many of us continue to try to pretend to be godly instead of actually pursuing godliness." Matt Chandler

- **Call the People to Action**

Nehemiah 2:18, 3:1-32, Matthew 28:18-20,

Take Away 1: Counting on the Promises of God.

Take Away 2: Pulling in the same direction.

Acts 2:42-47

Got Questions: email shayne@pathwaycc.ca

- 1) Take time to review Sunday's teaching. What was one idea or thought that really grabbed your attention?
- 2) What was something you disagreed with or that challenged you the most?
- 3) As a group, brainstorm some of the promises of God.
 - a) Which promises do you most need to hang on to right now?
 - b) Do you think it is important for us to know and lean on the promises of God? Why or Why Not?
- 4) Nehemiah took 3 days to rest when he got back to Jerusalem. How important is it for us as we lead to be rested? Where is your vitality bucket at? What are some practical ways we can help one another ensure our vitality buckets do not get to empty?
- 5) Read Nehemiah 2:13-18.
 - a) Why was it so important for Nehemiah to see the entire wall first? What does that tell us about leadership?
 - b) What stands out to you most about Nehemiah's approach to rallying the people and why?
 - c) What can we learn from Nehemiah?
 - d) What can we learn about prayer from Nehemiah's prayer?
- 6) Spend time praying for one another this week.