

# PEOPLE LIKE US

June 14  
Nehemiah  
"A God-sized Vision"

## Scripture

Nehemiah 2

- When you hear the phrase "God-sized vision," what comes to mind? Does that phrase feel exciting, intimidating, unclear, or something else?

## Diving IN

- Nehemiah's sadness came from hearing that Jerusalem was still broken down. What kinds of brokenness tend to burden your heart most?
  - What is the difference between a God-given burden and just being frustrated, critical, or discouraged?
- In verse 4, Nehemiah prays before answering the king. What does that small moment reveal about his dependence on God?
- Nehemiah asks for permission, safe passage, timber, and a timeline. Why do you think planning is sometimes treated as less "spiritual" than prayer?
  - Where do you tend to act first and pray later? What would it look like to reverse that?
- What does Nehemiah show us about the relationship between faith, prayer, wisdom, and preparation?
- Nehemiah does not immediately make a speech. He first listens, waits, surveys the damage, and then invites the people: "Come, let us rebuild." What can we learn from the way he leads?
  - Why is it important that he says, "You see the trouble we are in," instead of "you" or "they"?
- Who were the three guys who mocked the work and question Nehemiah's motives?
  - Why does opposition so often come when people begin doing something faithful?
- How does Nehemiah's response in verse 20 help us face criticism, discouragement, or fear?

## **Living It OUT**

- Where might God be inviting you to move from concern to prayer, from prayer to preparation, or from preparation to action?
- What is one "good work" you believe God may be calling our group, church, or you personally to step into?

## **Lifting it UP**

- Ask God to give us eyes to see what's broken (not just things like walls but hearts, too)
- Ask God for wisdom to know what to do and the courage to act together
- That "the God of heaven will give us success" (Nehemiah 2:20).