

Sunday, February 7

What's the Plan?

Life Lessons from Nehemiah

1. Nehemiah was a God-fearing man living in a **godless** culture.
 2. Nehemiah had become very **successful** without sacrificing his testimony for God.
 3. Nehemiah had discovered his "**God's purpose**" in life.
 4. Nehemiah was given a **project** by God.
 5. Nehemiah began to pursue his God project. That's when the **opposition** began.
 6. Nehemiah didn't say "**Why me,**" he said "**Why not me.**"
 7. Nehemiah wouldn't take shortcuts. He was **godly, honest, loyal,** and had **integrity.**
- I. Start with an end **goal** in mind. Nehemiah 2:1-5 vs. 4-5 - Nehemiah had been praying for months. vs. 5

Our End Goals for Church Renovation

- I. Student Center 2. Middle School 3. Children's Wing 4. Restrooms
5. Senior Adult 6. Hub 7. Auditorium Sound
- II. Plan **steps** and count the **cost.**
Nehemiah 2:9-15, Luke 14:28 - 30
Student Center - 90K, Middle School - 120K, Children's Wing - 1.4 Million, Hub - 50K, Bathroom - 70k, Senior Adult - 45K, Auditorium - 200K
- III. Nehemiah **enlisted** others to help. Nehemiah 2:16-18 vs. 17-18

5 Takeaways

1. Prayer **leads** us to God's plan.
2. God's plan may mean that you have to **re-order** your priorities.
3. Carefully plan and consider the **cost.**
4. Don't be a **Lone Ranger.**
5. Adjust if necessary, but never give up!