

Sermon Guide

Teaching Series - Partnering in God's Work

Sermon Date - Sunday Nov 9, 2025

Warm Up Question - Have you ever started a big project or repair job that looked impossible at first? How did it turn out?

Teaching Text: Nehemiah 2:1-20

Study Questions: *(Study questions are meant to support better understanding of the teaching text or encourage further study.)*

1. Why was Nehemiah afraid to appear sad before King Artaxerxes? What does this reveal about the risks he was taking?
2. Why do you think Nehemiah kept his plans secret at first (v. 12)? When might it be wise for us to be discreet about God's plans or our calling?
3. How did the people respond to Nehemiah's call? What does this teach about unity and shared vision?

Application Questions: *(Application questions are intended to promote conversation on how God is directing us to apply the sermon, either personally or to the group as a whole.)*

1. What moments of courage, of costly uncompromised focus have you experienced while partnering with God in His work? What uncompromised focus moments is your moved heart being prepared for?
2. What work can only God do in the work He's called you to partner with Him in? Whose heart does God need to move? What door needs to open?
3. What will be needed of you when God's gracious hand does the work only God can do, changing the circumstances you've been praying into. Are you prepared?
4. What does "doing the partnering work" look like in your life?

Pray: Take time together to listen to the Spirit's leading and pray God's will for one another.

Bonus: Proverbs 21 "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases."