

Nehemiah Week 3 (Vocation)

Ice Breaker Idea: What was your first job?

Questions:

1. How would you describe your vocation? What are the roles that God has given to you? Which ones are more obvious and which ones are less so? Does what you do on a weekly basis, match the vocation that God calls you to?
2. If you aren't sure what your calling or vocation is, how can you go about discovering it? How would you counsel a friend that was uncertain about how to use their gifts and abilities?
3. Nehemiah faced opposition from outsiders, low morale and doubt in hearts of the people, and a task that seemed almost impossible – what are some of the challenges that keep you from living out your vocation as God intended?
4. Have you every observed someone living out their vocation selflessly? What do you notice in such people? What qualities do you see? What practices or characteristics do you observe?
5. It seems that in our busy culture we often take the “shoot from the hip” approach and hope things will work out. How might better preparation equip us for living out our vocations daily? What steps might we take for such preparation?
6. What is the difference between feeling good about positive feedback we get in our vocations versus doing our vocations in order to get positive feedback?

“Digging Deeper”

Read Exodus 4: 10 - 13

Have you ever felt called by God and asked Him to send someone else instead? Have you ever felt called to something that you thought you were ill-equipped for? What is God's answer to these concerns?