

Review:

Lesson 1: God's Callings

Lesson 2: Pray First

First Steps

Nehemiah 2:11-20

Assignments from God, especially those that involve rebuilding or restoration, come with a very specific timeline of steps, including steps involving “going public” with the plan. We should closely follow God’s lead about _____ to tell _____.

Discussion 1. Have you ever made the mistake of “publicizing” a plan or assignment prematurely? Why is God’s timing about when to “go public” so important?

It is an eternal principle: _____ and stewarding the available resources is a foundational part of most God-given assignments. It should never be taken lightly.

Discussion 2. Why do you suppose we sometimes treat accounting, bookkeeping and budgeting as “less than spiritual”? In doing kingdom work, where do you think we should draw the line between moving forward by faith (on the one hand) and using good stewardship (on the other hand)?

Any vision for Kingdom work will include (1) a clear statement of the problem, (2) an unequivocal call to action to help meet the problem, and (3) testimony of _____ already moving toward the problem.

Discussion 3. If giving testimony of God’s hand in something is an important part of casting the vision for it, why aren’t we better at doing that? What do you think holds us back from doing that? What steps can you take to become better at looking for God’s hand in the kingdom work going on around you?

When our assignment is from God, we do not need to rely on the powers of this world (social, political, economic, etc.) to confront opposition. Flaunting those powers for Kingdom work distracts from our testimony and _____ to God.

Discussion 4. What are some ways a Christ follower might “flaunt” worldly power in order to accomplish kingdom work? What disciplines can you put in place to prevent yourself from falling into this trap?