

Review:

Lesson 1: God's Callings

Lesson 2: Pray First

Lesson 3: First Steps

A Strategic Plan

Nehemiah 3:1-5

When we are pursuing an assignment from God, having a strategic plan is important; but only if it is _____. Otherwise, it is just a distraction from what God has in mind.

Discussion 1. Can you think of any times in your life when you followed your own plan perfectly and ended up making a mess of it, or perhaps missed out on what God wanted for you? Why is it so important that our “planning” include God’s wisdom and not merely our own wisdom?

Spiritual leadership, i.e., Spiritual influence, is more about what you do than it is about what you know. Jesus did not just tell his disciples what to do. He _____.

Discussion 2. Describe an example from your own life of someone who taught or mentored you more by example than by “teaching”. Why is it so easy for us to forget this truth in our own teaching of others?

God’s assignments to each of us are almost never to solve an entire problem ourselves; rather, we are each given a specific task that belongs to us. When we all focus on our _____, huge problems that seem otherwise insurmountable get solved.

Discussion 3. What global, overwhelming problem are you currently chipping away at by simply staying focused on your small part?

God wired us in such a way that our _____ and our _____ are often where our commitments burn the hottest. So, when it comes to taking on new assignments from God, consider beginning in those places.

Discussion 4. Do you think every assignment from God necessarily begins at home? Why or why not?