

## BIG IDEA

Vision always comes at a price; a price visionary people are always will to pay.

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Think back to when you were a child. What were some of your dreams and aspirations? You might want to use this question as a fun “ice-breaker.” Try to get people laughing and having a good time.

**Read Nehemiah 2:1-6.** According to these verses, what was Nehemiah’s vision? There are a lot of verses to read this week; divide them up and allow everyone to read Scripture together.

**Read Nehemiah 4:15-23.** In what ways did God work through Nehemiah’s vision? In what ways did God protect them and lead them?

**Skim through Nehemiah 6.** Compare and contrast the attitudes of Nehemiah and God’s people with the attitudes of the people opposing the wall. What motivated both groups of people?

## WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Make a list of visionary people. This could be people you know or people who are well-known by everyone.

Here are some people to get you started: Walt Disney, Malala Yousafzai, Steve Jobs, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa

Develop a theory as to why people tend to oppose change and expansion?

Quickly analysis the people you listed above as visionary leaders; what do they have that others don’t? How will those people be remembered?

Search for visionary leaders on Google and why they are so influential. Here’s an article to help you get started: <http://ceosage.com/visionary-leadership/>

How do you want to be remembered by future generations?

## WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?





# LIFE GROUPS

SERMON COMPANION

What vision has God given you and what are you doing now because of that vision?

Create a list of lessons and disciplines from Nehemiah's visionary leadership we can learn and implement in our own lives.

Here are some to help you get started:

1. Always look to God for a bigger vision of the future
2. Trust that if God is in it, then nothing can stop it
3. Don't underestimate the importance of planning and strategy
4. Be aware of the opposition, it might come from someone unexpected

Think about this quote, "Visionaries think about a preferred future." What do you prefer your future to look like?

Use this question to dream together as a Life Group. What impact and legacy do you want to leave behind?

