

The God of the City

Introduction: God loves the people of Las Vegas and is not willing that any of them should perish, but that all should come to repentance. His plan to rescue them involves you and me. Five things we can learn from Nehemiah as we seek to reach our city for Christ.

1. We must understand that we are part of God's _____.

8 "But now we have been given a brief moment of grace, for the Lord our God has allowed a few of us to survive as a remnant. (Ezra 9:8a)

2. There must exist within us a Holy _____.

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: But he that keepeth the law, happy is he. (Prov. 29:18)

6 please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned. 7 We have acted very corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses. (Neh. 1:6-7)

3. We must take advantage of _____ Neh. 2:1-8

"The power and effectiveness of partnerships are witnessed when the local church is able to join common causes with secular and sacred entities to transform a community without giving up its identity to show Christ and share His story."

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4. Vision and _____ inspires people

17 Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach." 18 And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work.

5. We must recognize God's call to Planned Action and _____.

This involves a unity of purpose, a cooperative spirit, and a common commitment. We will have to see past personal pride and ambition to reach this city. Pastor Ben, myself, pastor Barry, and every member of this church will have to have a Kingdom focus.

Finally: We need to remember that Satan does not want people to be saved. Therefore, we need to be prepared to deal with opposition both from within and without. Notice how he handled it:

- He didn't waste time trying to convince those who opposed him.
- He refused to meet with them because he knew of their wicked schemes.
- He prayed.

8 All of them plotted to attack Jerusalem to create confusion. 9 But we prayed to our God and set guards to protect us day and night. (Neh. 4:8-9 GW)

14 I looked them over and proceeded to tell the nobles, the leaders, and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of our enemies. Remember how great and awe-inspiring the Lord is. Fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."

Who is your ONE? Are you willing to put your hand to this good work?