

THE LEADER WITHIN
THE VISION OF A LEADER

The BIG Idea Team, Individual and Family Study Guide

Please take time to run through this study guide with your team, on your own, or with your family so that you can further apply and process the BIG Idea.

Big Idea:

The most compelling and lasting vision is one that is rooted in our journey with God and encourages others in their relationship with Him.

Key Verse:

Read Nehemiah 2:9 (The Message)

The generous hand of my God was with me in this...

The Scoop:

It's true that what some of us see is not what others of us see. It is apparent in the way we watch and interact with people, listen to people, decide what's important next, and it is especially true with casting vision for the future.

Nehemiah is much more than a man with a heart for the things of God, he has vision for it. The rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem was not just something he was supposed to do, it was the result of God's hand upon his life. The leader within Nehemiah had the vision of God's purposes not only for the city of Jerusalem but for his own life to become more full and meaningful.

Nehemiah's vision for rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem was much bigger than the task of rebuilding the wall. His task had lifelong spiritual implications in the lives of others. This vision comes from a deep desire or burn in our heart. When our heart aligns with God's we embark on a journey where what has broken our heart turns into the driving force for our lives. This is called *Holy Discontent*.

1. What are some examples of things that on the surface seem like a task but in the bigger picture have longer term implications?
2. Have you ever had a sleepless or restless night where you just can't shake an idea or feeling?
3. What things, events, experiences in your life do you think were God things?
4. What can you do to help others grow closer to God by taking next steps in their relationship with Him?

What's Next? (take home/further processing/application)

What are some unknowns in your life that you can pray about and give to God? Remember: There is no greater influence you can have on a person's life than helping them find their way back to God and help them take next steps in their relationship with Him.