

## *Questions for Reflection and Discussion*

### **Nehemiah 2**

#### ***The Journey of Faith***

##### ***Getting Started***

Describe a recent time when you needed to take a step of faith.

##### ***Background***

In the first chapter, Nehemiah received some disturbing news about the situation in Jerusalem. He's been praying and planning for about 4 months.

##### ***Digging In***

1. **Read Neh 2:1-3.** Why did King Artaxerxes question Nehemiah about his appearance?
2. How did Nehemiah respond? Why did this show courage?
3. **Read vss. 4-10.** When given the opportunity to present his request to the king, what did Nehemiah do?
4. How does Nehemiah's response to the king demonstrate that he has been both praying and planning?
5. **Vss. 11-16.** What was Nehemiah's first task upon arriving in Jerusalem? Why do you think he worked in secret?
6. **Vss. 17-18.** Once he'd done his research, what was his next step?
7. How did he emphasize God's providential care? (see also v. 9)
8. **Vss. 19-20.** Who opposed the work, and why? (see also v. 10)
9. How did Nehemiah respond to this opposition?



##### ***Getting Personal***

- How is Nehemiah an example to us of prayer **and** planning – of relying on the Lord, **and** taking action?
- How can we follow his example in our daily lives? Give a few examples.
- What can we learn from Nehemiah about responding to opposition?
- Is there something you've sensed God calling you to do, but you've been putting it off? How can Nehemiah's example help you to get going?