

ON PURPOSE

VISION AND PURPOSE

Challenge: *To see what God is doing and to join Him in that work!*

Open: *Share a childhood dream you had...*

Read *Nehemiah 1:1-4*

- What was Nehemiah's concern in vs. 2? How did the news of the people's condition cause Nehemiah to feel?
- What was Nehemiah's 'vision'? What steps did he take to pursue that vision?
- What obstacles were placed in his way?
- Was Nehemiah ultimately successful or not?

Discuss: read *Ephesians 3:20*

- Do you see yourself as a realist or a dreamer?
- How did Jim describe 'Vision' this morning? Do you typically think of this as a Biblical concept? What would you add to this definition?
- From J.B.'s report this morning regarding the work of the "Vision Team"... what most encouraged you? What are some of the priorities he identified?
- What would you most like to see our church DO in the next year? What dreams would you like to see us pursue?
- When it comes to our church family, do you see yourself more as a participant or an observer? Why?
- Go around the room and have everyone describe what they would like to see our church look like ten years from now...
 - What things would you like to see changed?
 - What things would you hope stays the same?
- What do you consider to be the keys to our future?
- What do you think are the two best investments we could make for our future? (staffing, ministries, missions, people, facilities, etc.)
- What one thing can YOU do to make Washington Street the kind of church we dream about?

Pray

How can our group pray for YOU tonight?