

Lead the Way: Leadership Lessons from Nehemiah

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1. Take a few minutes to draw a chart of your spiritual growth (formatted like a chart that shows the stock market over time). If you're comfortable doing so, explain your chart to the group.
2. Discuss what factors have made your spiritual progress challenging. Explain what has helped you make progress.

Observations of the passage

3. Draw a thirty-one-day calendar format on a blank piece of paper. Use the New Living Translation Bible or the footnotes in your translation to map out what happened during the time described in chapters 8-9. Write the activities for each day in your calendar.

OR

4. Make two columns on a blank sheet of paper. As you read through Nehemiah 9:5-38, use the left column to record what God did and the right column to record what the people of Israel did.

Interpreting the passage

5. What spiritual influences do you see God using to rebuild and restore the people in Nehemiah's day? Which are unique to the nation of Israel and which apply today as well?
6. What steps can you see the spiritual leaders taking to cultivate transformation among the people?

Applying the passage

7. How would you describe your current experience of spiritual transformation?
8. What steps can you take this week to cultivate a heart that is responsive to God's truth? How can you help others along this path to spiritual transformation?