DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

2. According to Nehemiah 2:12, Nehemiah saw his vision for a rebuilt Jerusalem as something God had put in his heart. What has God put in your heart to see happen in rebuilding His church/people in your lifetime? What difference does it make to see your vision for Spokane's (or some individual's) renewal as something God wants instead of just your own idea? How might that change what you do or don't do?

3. According to Nehemiah 2:1, Nehemiah had to wait some time before even making his request to go to Jerusalem. What do you think he did during that waiting time that developed godly patience? When he arrived in Jerusalem, how did he continue to manifest patience (2:11-16)? How can we build patience and guard ourselves from disappointment and cynicism when things don't seem to be going as fast or well as we would like?

4. Nehemiah apparently had pre-thought much of what he asked for from the king. What are the dangers of over or under-planning something God has put on our hearts to do? When do we cross the line from proper planning to excessive planning or unpreparedness? What factors should we watch out for in either extreme?

5. Nehemiah anticipated opposition and challenge in this endeavor. What challenges and opposition could we face in bringing spiritual renewal to downtown Spokane? How do you plan to respond when you encounter opposition while trying to do something good for our city or people in it?

6. Nehemiah demonstrated an ability to work well with lots of different types of people in chapter 2. What are the different groups or types of people he had to deal with? How did he relate differently with each group/person? Was he successful with everyone? What are the different types of people God has asked you to work with right now? How should your approach differ with different groups, people or roles? How can a person who does not work well with people learn this essential skill? What steps would you advise?

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1. Nehemiah seemed to have a clear vision of what needed to be done in a city he had never seen, Jerusalem. What vision for change & betterment do you have for our city, which you see every day, or the people in it? How might you increase or strengthen that vision as Nehemiah did?

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