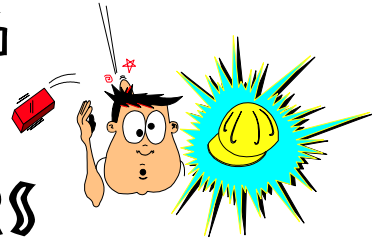


REBUILDING OURSELVES AND OTHERS



What truths about leadership have you learnt from this session?

What needs do you see amongst those whom you lead?

What dreams and plans do you have?

What do you need to do now to implement leadership lessons that will lead to your dreams becoming reality?

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NEHEMIAH



REBUILDING THE WALLS

Chapters One and Two

CONCEPTION

The Need

The Prayer

The Answer

The Need Confirmed

Recruitment

FACING *the* FUTURE WITH FAITH

The first thing we learn about Nehemiah was that he saw a need: Jerusalem was in ruins. Now there nothing particularly meritorious in noticing this need - it was common knowledge to everyone of that day. What set Nehemiah apart from others was that he had the faith to do something about the need.

Read the following quotations”

“Everything that can be invented has been invented”

Charles H. Duell, Director US Patent Office, 1899

“Who the !&#s* wants to hear actors talk”

Harry M Warner, Warner Bros. Pictures, 1927

“Heavier than air flying machines are impossible”

Lord Kelvin, President, Royal Society, 1895

Each of these people missed meeting a need through lack of faith.

Now read the following statements. Do you agree with them, or do you too lack the faith to meet a need?

“A cure for AIDS will one day be found.”

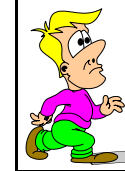
“Today’s televisions will one day be obsolete.”

“World hunger will one day be eliminated”

“There will never again be a World War.”

“Mankind will never outgrow the need for religion.”

The Nature of Nehemiah



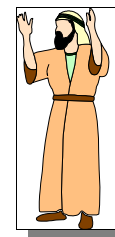
What lessons have you learnt about Nehemiah?



His faith in God



His leadership ability



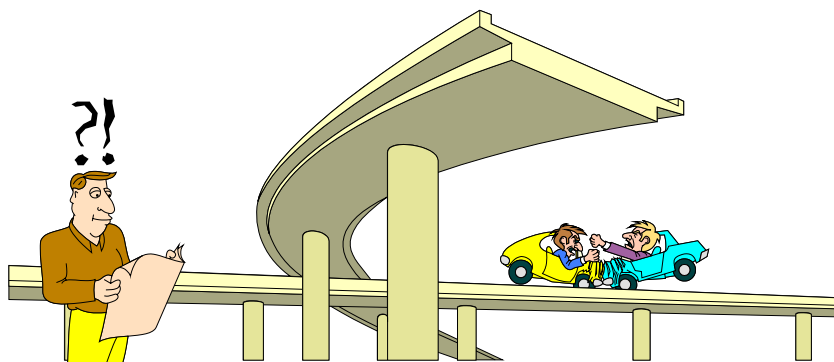
His character



Planning is an important skill for the youth leader to learn. What are the consequences of poor planning?

What steps did Nehemiah take in planning his building project?

Explain the wisdom of his planning strategy:



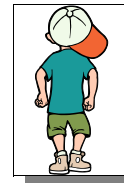
How good are you at noticing a need? Look of the list of needs below that you may come across during the course of your leadership. Which are you likely to notice and which are you likely to miss?



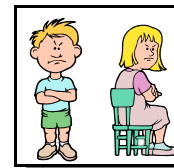
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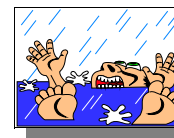
School Problems



Loneliness

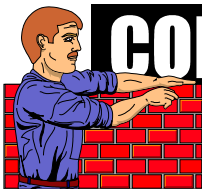


Relationship Problems



Depression

How would you go about meeting each of these needs?



CONCEPTION OF THE WALLS

Read through the following verses in Chapter 1 & 2 and discuss these questions

The Need (1:1-3)

What were the two concerns of Nehemiah and what were the answers he received?

The Prayer (1:4-11)

What three things did Nehemiah do on hearing the bad news about Jerusalem?

The Answer (2:1-8)

When and how did the answer to Nehemiah's prayer come about?

The Need Confirmed (2:9-15)

What did Nehemiah do on arriving in Jerusalem?.

Recruitment (2:17-20)

What two different responses did Nehemiah get in his efforts to recruit helpers?



The POWER of

PRAYER

Describe the different aspect of Nehemiah's prayer in chapter 1, verses 5-11:

Verse 5:

Verse 6,7:

Verse 8-10:

Verses 10,11

What lessons do you learn about prayer from the above outline and from Nehemiah's example?

