



God Knows How | Nehemiah 2:20 | September 29<sup>th</sup> - October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Warm-up:** As it relates to our visions and dreams, do you find trusting God for the “how” to be difficult? Why or why not?

- Read **Nehemiah 2:18-20** aloud together. Notice how Nehemiah responds to the scoffing of Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem.
  - What does Nehemiah’s response reveal about his faith in God?
  - What does this scoffing teach us about those who oppose God’s vision? Do we ever fall into this trap? How so?
- Consider what George shared on Sunday: *“We should spend our time listening to God for the what, and then trust Him for the how.”*
  - What are some other things we are tempted to trust in regarding the “how” of our vision?
  - Do you think there is any validity in trusting other sources? What does it really look like to trust God in our vision?
- We often find ourselves fearful and hesitant as we consider the great plans that God has for our lives. How can we accomplish such things? How can we overcome all the barriers that lie before us? In spite of this you’ve heard it said, *“What God originates, He orchestrates.”* And, *“Where God guides, He provides.”*
  - Have you experienced this truth in your own life? How so?
  - What do you think is the difference between a good idea, and a God-given vision? How are we to tell them apart?
- Jesus says in **John 15:5**, *“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”*
  - What do you think Jesus meant by stating in such absolute terms that we can do *nothing* apart from Him?
  - Often times we are overwhelmed by the challenge that lies ahead in accomplishing a vision God has for us. How do you find strength in the passage above?

**Wrap-up:** It is incredibly important that we know what God is calling us to do and then wait upon Him for the how and when. Do you need clarity on what God’s vision is for you? Are you in need of understanding as to how God will bring it to pass? Share with your group and pray over one another as you close.