



Maintaining Vision Requires Constancy | Nehemiah 13 | Dec. 1st - 7th, 2013

Warm-up: Do you believe that confrontation is an essential part of living faithfully for Jesus Christ? Why or why not? Does it come natural to you or do you find it difficult? Share.

- Read **Nehemiah 13:6-13** aloud. Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem no doubt realizing that vision requires *constant* attention! God-given visions can never run on autopilot
 - Share about a time when you allowed a particular vision to run on autopilot. What were the results?
 - Discuss the aspects of life that seem to be the easiest to put on autopilot. Why is this the case?
 - How have you found success in combating against “life in default” mode?

- Pastor George shared on Sunday that giving leadership to a vision is a difficult thing because people are difficult to lead! Differing ideas, temperaments, personalities, and motives are just a few of the variables that make leadership so challenging.
 - What were some of the most impacting leadership qualities you learned from Nehemiah throughout this study?
 - Who is one *great* leader you have been exposed to? What made he or she so effective?

- Read **Nehemiah 13:23-27**. About these verses Andy Stanley writes, “Nehemiah drew a line in the sand. When someone takes a moral stand in an atmosphere of declining standards, it will appear extreme to the one whose behavior is being called to account.” - *Visioneering* p. 262.
 - What does he mean by this? How have you seen this to be true?
 - Does anyone have a story about having to exhibit bold leadership in the face of opposition?

Wrap-up: Andy Stanley writes, “...everybody ends up somewhere in life. You have the God-given opportunity to end somewhere on purpose...” (p.271). Close by sharing openly about some of the ways you plan to “end somewhere on purpose.” Pray for one another.