

Sermon Notes

REFORMING THE CHURCH

Strategic Planning

Nehemiah 2

Message of Nehemiah

In response to God's gracious deliverance and trusting his promises and in his providence, God's people are to prayerfully submit to God's Word and work strategically and with vision for spiritual reformation.

Vision and strategy have their place

- (1) Having prayed, Nehemiah acted logically, courageously and shrewdly, trusting in God's enigmatic providence (vv1-9)

- (2) Arriving in Jerusalem, Nehemiah carefully and discretely assessed the situation on the ground (vv11-16)

- (3) Nehemiah worked in partnership with others, sharing the work according to different people's gifts (vv17-18; Ch. 3)

- (4) Nehemiah reacted strongly to early signs of opposition (vv10, 19-20)