Session 2

1. How does our "vision" differ from God's (1 Samuel 16:7)? As you have grown closer to Christ, has your vision changed in any way? If so, how? Share an example.

2. Do you agree that discipleship is about sacrifice and commitment (Luke 9:23)? Do you think most Americans understand discipleship in this way? Why or why not? What is the hardest thing for you to let go of at this moment?

3. Consider the story and example of Nehemiah. What was going on in the history of God's people when the book of Nehemiah begins (Nehemiah 1:1-2)? What is the significance of God's people being present in Jerusalem at this time (2 Chronicles 36:22-23)?

4. What problem did Nehemiah encounter (Nehemiah 1:3)? How did he respond once he heard the report (Nehemiah 1:4)? Why was he so disturbed by the news he received? Who else could tell that Nehemiah was disturbed (Nehemiah 2:2-3)?

5. What significant need is God calling you to help meet? Do you have a plan to act in response to that need? If so, what is holding you back from acting (James 4:17)? If not, who can you talk with to create a plan to respond?

6. Spend some time this next week and pray that God would correct your "spiritual vision" to see the world more from His perspective (cf. Job 38:18). Keep your heart open to what He wants to show you. Record what He shows you and share your findings with others.