



# Plus One Dissatisfied

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**Bottom Line:** Everyone ends up somewhere in life; few people end up somewhere on purpose.

**Icebreaker:** What is one accomplishment that would make you feel your life had mattered if you fulfilled it?

**Key Verse:** *For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.* Ephesians 2:10 NLT

We believe it only takes one person to create a movement. God plus ONE equals the majority. We believe that God is ready to move in our time, in our society and it starts with YOU (ONE). We believe that everybody spends forever somewhere. God always uses people one by one to make a difference in another person's life and destiny. Through Nehemiah, God shows us how to embrace this vision for life and to be dissatisfied with anything else. Life is a journey, and every journey has a destination. Everybody ends up somewhere, but few people end up somewhere on purpose. A clear vision and courage to follow through, dramatically increases your chances of coming to the end of life, looking back with deep satisfaction, thinking "I did it. I finished well. My life counted." A vision is born in the soul of one who is consumed with the tension between what is and what could be. The ONE who is dissatisfied or brokenhearted about the way things are, in light of the way they believe things could be, is a candidate for vision, purpose and meaning. Vision carries a sense of conviction. It's not only what could be done, but what should be done. It must happen. It moves from passive concern to action. Nehemiah found himself there about 70 years after the Babylonians took the Jews captive. A new ruler allowed some Jews to return to Jerusalem, but the reality was that the political, social, and spiritual conditions were deplorable. Back in Persia, Nehemiah heard about the condition of his homeland. His story encapsulates what God can do when just ONE person decides that current reality is no longer acceptable. He shows us how to begin. **Recognize the need to...** **1) Ask the question.** Define reality. Ask the tough questions to expose the need. **2) Embrace the reality.** Nehemiah was broken-hearted. He wept, fasted, and prayed for days and his burden gave birth to the vision. The thing that breaks your heart is the seed for God's vision. Like Nehemiah, process and pray. You will begin to feel compelled to take action. **3) Bring it to God.** Nehemiah took his vision and concern to God. Many of us fail to pray and fail to plan. When God puts something on our hearts, it always seems out of reach because it is. God-ordained visions are always too big for us. There are more questions than answers and more obstacles than solutions. The "what" of the vision always precedes the "how." You will know what God has put in your heart to do long before you know how He intends to bring it about. **3) Make yourself available.** The most important abilities are availability and agility, being flexible for whatever God brings your way. Get personally involved in what God wants to do. Are you ready?

## THINK IT OVER >>>

What was the most significant part of Sunday's message to you?

Have you ever had a routine in your life that became significant and fulfilling because you had a vision of why it mattered? Explain.

Vision is more than simply what could be. Vision also carries with it a sense of conviction. It's not only what could be done, but what should be done. Vision has a sense of urgency. Given that definition, are you currently significantly involved in a vision of any sort? Explain.

Vision requires dissatisfaction with the way things are and the courage and willingness to act on an idea and champion the cause. What part of that do you think disqualifies most people? Why?

What do you think made the situation in Jerusalem so unacceptable to Nehemiah, considering he didn't need to let it impact his daily life?

How does personal comfort tend to derail vision?

## LOOK IT OVER <<<

The difference between a leader and a follower is that the leader won't run away from the NEED, they will ask the right questions that get them to the NEED. Followers only pay attention to what is right in front of them. Reflect and discuss.

What reality sincerely breaks your heart? Are you compelled to take action?

How does what God has put on your heart seem impossible or too big for you?

How are you bringing it to God?

What would it mean, and what would it take for you to make yourself available to God for your vision? For the corporate vision of the church?

Only four percent of our population claims a growing relationship with Jesus. Are you dissatisfied? How do you intend to participate in the 21 Days of Prayer?

# NEXT STEPS

1. Ask God to help you recognize the need and ask the tough questions.
2. Join the 21 Days of Prayer movement.
3. Ask God to grow holy discontent in you.

## EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

## PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

## DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at [newpointe.org/daily](http://newpointe.org/daily):

Monday: Luke 19:41-42

Tuesday: Ephesians 2:10

Wednesday: Acts 26:19

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 20:12

Friday: Luke 5:11

***Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.***

*(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)*