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**Part 5 ~ The Space Between Beginnings**

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Nehemiah 2:11-18 (NLT)

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2. **Honor (but don't \_\_\_\_\_) the history.**
3. **Get to know "Wow!" \_\_\_\_\_.**
4. **Over-communicate.**

Nehemiah 4:16-23 (NCV)

- ◆ He communicated with a plan.
- ◆ He communicated with faith.
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- A. He often \_\_\_\_\_ things before others see them.
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1 John 5:11-13 (NLT)

1 Corinthians 15:2-4 (NLT)

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**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**

**Thought Provoking:**

Who are the "Wow" people in your life? Has anyone ever considered you a "Wow" person?

Which transition in your life did you lose sight of the goal? What was the outcome?

Share which of your new beginnings, that God and you worked together?

In your current transition: Is it terrifying? Overwhelming? Is it awesome? Exhilarating? What does it mean to you that it won't stay that way?

**Digging Deeper:**

1. What stories in scripture, like that of Nehemiah, reflect someone that: communicated with a plan; communicated with faith; communicated with His example?
2. Much of scripture speaks of the plans God has for you. What are some of these scriptures?
3. In what ways did Jesus tell of God's plan for Himself? For the apostles? For us?

**Prayer:**

Lord, give me a heart for a new beginning. Move me in ways that I can help, encourage, follow and come along side of my brothers and sisters in this body.

Be with our chosen leadership, may we all move with one spirit to do our part in Your plan. Amen!

**Application:**

1. Keep focused on the goal. What's your goal?
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What is our part as church partners of Stone Ridge Church in this new beginning?

How can we make a great beginning even better?



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