

**Healthy Church Initiative
Leadership Training
Based on Nehemiah 1-2
September 2010**

I. What is Leadership – Icebreaker

- a. Sing “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” or “Here I Am Lord”
- b. Pick a candy and define “What is a Leader?” or If this is a large group hand out 3x5 cards of Books of the Bible and have the group line up in order (in silence)

II. The Woes of the Church – Nehemiah 1:1-3

- a. Statistical Reports – Where the church is now
- b. We are like Jerusalem

III. It’s Not About You – Nehemiah 1:4-11

- a. How does Nehemiah demonstrate leadership in this passage?
 - i. Mourn the old
 - ii. Prayer
 - iii. Confession
 - iv. Openness to receive the message of God
- b. Small Groups
 - i. Where does your church need to let go and mourn?
 - ii. In what situations does your church use the phrase, “We’ve always done it that way?”
 - iii. Has tradition in your church overtaken scripture? If so, how? If not, give some examples of places that you have seen positive change.

IV. Empowerment – Nehemiah 1:11b – 2:10

- a. How does Nehemiah demonstrate leadership in this passage?
 - i. Has a clear, defined goal
 - ii. Asks a superior for help
 - iii. Looks to God for support
 - iv. Asks the King to create a team
- b. How does the King demonstrate leadership in this passage?
 - i. Listens
 - ii. Let’s go even though it wasn’t in his best interest
 - iii. Supports Nehemiah’s request
- c. Leadership Lessons from the Dancing Guy video (Group discussions: What leadership lessons did we learn from the video?)

V. Change with Purpose

- a. Nehemiah inspects what is wrong and creates a plan for change
- b. Statistical Reports on growing churches
- c. Inspecting our own church walls
 - i. Are you currently a leader in these areas of growth and vitality?
 - ii. Are there areas where you feel called?

VI. Conflict – Nehemiah 2:16-20

- a. All Change Brings Conflict
 - i. How does Nehemiah handle conflict?
 - ii. What are some positive methods we can handle conflict?

VII. What have we learned from Nehemiah?

- a. Humility
- b. Confess
- c. Prayer
- d. Ask
- e. Share
- f. Connect
- g. Take criticism
- h. Press forward
- i. Obedient to God