


## All Things New: The Time to Act

Nehemiah 2:1-18

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### Step 1: The Generosity Ladder

Turn to pages 18-19 of your *All Things New* booklet. Have someone in the group read out loud about “lifestyle stewardship”, and discuss what stands out to you one paragraph at a time. Make sure to answer the questions found on the bottom of page 18.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

### Step 2: The Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1 There comes a point when it's time to act. Have you had one of these moments in your life?
- 2 What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

#### THE TIME TO ACT: A CHALLENGING GOAL

- 3 What was Nehemiah's goal? What made his goal challenging?
- 4 What is the daunting challenge that is set before Seven Rivers?

## THE TIME TO ACT: A SIGNIFICANT RISK

- 5 How did Nehemiah take a significant risk in the presence of the king?
- 6 How long has it been since you took a risk for Jesus? Is there any risking going on in your life right now? What did you think of the video about Kelley Green in Boystown?
- 7 Why does saying, “the church just wants my money,” miss the point?

## THE TIME TO ACT: A BOLD CONFIDENCE

- 8 Where did Nehemiah get his courage?
- 9 The one thing you need to know in life is, “God is in this thing.” If God is always at work, why are we so often anxious and afraid? Is there a situation going on right now for which you need courage?

## **Step 3: Final Reflections**

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?