

Launching a God Sized Vision (Part 2)

“So I said to them ”You see the trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins and its gates have been burned down. Come, let’s rebuild Jerusalem’s wall...” Nehemiah. 2:17

Text: Nehemiah 2:9-3:32	South Orlando Baptist Church
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Supplemental Texts: See below	Bro. David Crowe

As the vision is launched it will require us all to...

- 1) Defend against the enemy (2:9-10; 19-20)
 - A. Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem provide constant opposition to Nehemiah and the Israelites.
 - B. Our enemy, Satan, and his demons will provide constant opposition to our fruitfulness and health as a church.
 - C. Like Nehemiah, we must declare that the God of heaven will grant us success (vs. 20).

- 2) Digest the research (2:11-18)
 - A. Nehemiah burnt some midnight oil conducting the proper research to move the vision forward.
 - B. We must conduct the proper research to know how to move forward in wisdom.

- 3) Divide and Conquer (Chapter 3)
 - A. Although Nehemiah’s name is on the book, everyone had to pitch in and help fulfill the vision of rebuilding the wall.
 - B. All of us are going to have to pitch in and push towards the vision God gives us.

The Bricks that Build a Healthy Church:

	1. Biblical Prayer	2. Biblical Preaching	
3. Biblical Theology	4. Biblical Understanding of the Gospel	5. Biblical Understanding of Conversion	
	6. Biblical Understanding of Evangelism	7. Biblical Church Membership	
8. Biblical Church Discipline	9. Biblical Discipleship and Growth	10. Biblical Church Leadership	

The 7 Gates of South Orlando Baptist Church

Here are the following areas of focus for the next 5 years:

- 1) The Debt Gate - To have the current debt of \$573,000 completely paid off.**
- 2) The World Gate - A comprehensive missions focus that seeks to plant 1 church, select an unreached people group through the IMB and finance a complete Jesus film for that language group. To see 50 people annually involved in mission work. To plan and conduct 6 annual intentional outreaches to our community and provide annual evangelism training.**
- 3) The First Impressions Gate - Improve our buildings, grounds, and website. To seek a new sign, new welcome center, church/school visitor signage, mobile apps, new carpet and resurfaced or repaved parking lot.**
- 4) The Worship Gate - To seek up to 3 worship services throughout the week to reach the diverse working community of Orlando. Training, preaching series, and events that focus on prayer. Equipping all members with tools for improvement in corporate worship and private worship.**
- 5) The Discipleship Gate – To begin 12 new small groups. Annual training for group leaders. Focus on equipping families for discipling their children and equipping marriages. To train and equip teachers towards reproducing other teachers. To encourage and equip the congregation towards faithfulness to the Christian disciplines.**
- 6) The Leadership Gate – To provide a simplified church structure and to define a clarity of roles for each committee. To focus on a proper staff to member ratio.**
- 7) The School Gate - To seek a unified vision between the church and school. To plan a greater synergy between church and school events. To invest more resources into reaching the families of RCA.**