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# A Time to Build: *a blueprint for visionary leadership*

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## Welcome to The Story!

**A Time to Build** has been a 7-week series about vision and leadership. Leadership is *influence with people*, and the big idea behind this series is that every follower of Jesus is called to be a leader. As we follow him, **Jesus leads us to influence others to follow him as well** (Matthew 28:19). *So if you're following Jesus,, you're a leader!*

*A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,  
A never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.  
To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;  
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will.*  
- Charles Wesley, "A Charge to Keep"

As we learned in Part 1 of this series, VISION is a mental picture of a preferred future.  
**In just a few words, what vision are you chasing right now?**

Use this space to illustrate the Leadership Wheel:

## Protectors, Prophets, and Priests

### **Nehemiah 7:1-2**

After the wall had been rebuilt and I had set the doors in place, the gatekeepers, the musicians, and the Levites were appointed. I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most people do.

**What did the assignments of gatekeepers, musicians, and Levites represent?**

**Where do Nehemiah's actions in this passage fit in the "Leadership Wheel"?**

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## Leaders Lead Leaders to Lead

### Luke 10:1-3

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."

**What is significant about Jesus' decision here? What would have been the alternative to sending his disciples to do the work?**

### Luke 10:17-24

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do."

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

**How do you see Jesus' leadership on display here?**

**When you think about the person or people you are leading, how do you think you can equip them to reach the next steps in their development?**

**Think of one tangible way you will empower someone you're leading to *step up* and *do the work* that you've been doing for them. Write about it here:**