

PART 4: This Wall Won't Build Itself

INTRODUCTION

Most people begin the new year asking, "What should I do about me?" In this series, we introduced a different question: "What breaks your heart?" If you want to become a better person, do something to make the world a better place. Maybe this series has inspired you. But maybe you don't know what breaks your heart, or maybe you know what breaks your heart, but you don't know what to do about it. If that's where you are, the church can help.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Earlier in this series, Andy encouraged you to fill in the following blank: "At the end of my life I would like for people to line up and thank me for ______." Has your answer changed over the course of this series? If so, how?
- 2. Talk about a time when you were part of a project or an effort that was greater than yourself. What did you get out of that experience?
- 3. In what ways has the church been a light in *your* world? How have you found community, safety, or life in the church?
- 4. Read Nehemiah 3:28-30. If you're still unsure about what breaks your heart, what work can you do right now to make the world a better place as you continue to explore an answer to that question?
- 5. Is it difficult for you to believe that God would prompt you to do something to change the world for the better? Why or why not?
- 6. Is God inviting or prompting you to make a difference in some part of the world? What can you do this week to begin to respond to your heavenly Father? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

The church is the light of the world. It's where people find community, safety, and life. Help us flip the switch on that light. If God is inviting or prompting you to do something, say yes to him. Find a way to do something about whatever it is that breaks your heart. One day soon you're going to look back at 2015, and you'll have spent your time *somewhere*. Spend it somewhere that matters.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace."

Nehemiah 2:17