

NEHEMIAH, PART 4: START WHERE YOU LIVE

When problems become our passion, we discover God's purpose for our lives. And if your purpose is part of God's plan? There will be more risks, and more questions than answers. It will involve physical sacrifice and all of us doing our part to further God's kingdom. When we sacrifice some of our treasures, it allows Him to stir our hearts towards the path to spiritual renewal.

BIG IDEA: This wall won't build itself, so build what's in front of you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- * Remember the goal is to use the questions to generate discussion, not to complete every one.
- 1. Earlier in this series, Chris 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. With your Bible or Bible App, read Nehemiah 3:28-30.
 - ²⁸ Above the Horse Gate, the priests repaired the wall. Each one repaired the section immediately across from his own house. ²⁹ Next Zadok son of Immer also rebuilt the wall across from his own house, and beyond him was Shemaiah son of Shecaniah, the gatekeeper of the East Gate. ³⁰ Next Hananiah son of Shelemiah and Hanun, the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section, while Meshullam son of Berekiah rebuilt the wall across from where he lived.

Nehemiah 3:28-30 (NLT)

- 5. 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?
- 6. 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?
- 7. 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, and you'll have spent your time *somewhere*. Spend it somewhere that matters.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

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