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Walking through my town

Where is your spiritual dividing line?

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you! How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" (Matthew 28:14)

- Jesus' desire: to extend his protection and care over the whole city.
 - Pastoral care in your town requires a paradigm shift.
- 1) THINKING ABOUT THE CITY: The city is our mission field.
 - 2) FROM SINGULAR TO PLURAL: Without unity, it is impossible to lead a city.
 - 3) MOVING FROM EVENTS TO PROCESSES: Leading the city means thinking in terms of a long-term process.
 - 4) MOVING FROM ACTIVITIES TO A UNITED MISSION FIELD: to minister to the city, we need a plan for a united mission involving as many of the city's congregations as possible.

Shepherding your city requires an inner change.

"Do not be small-minded" (Isaiah 54:2): small-mindedness lies within us.

- **Pastoral care in your town needs new blood**
- **Where is your spiritual dividing line?**
- God tells us to push those boundaries
- The Spirit is calling out to those who once believed.

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