

# Reading Guide

1. What draws you to seek some larger purpose in your life? What holds you back? What holds others back?
2. Melinda Marble believes those at the center of problems need to be at the center of their solution. Do you agree?
3. Is empathy essential for social change or not? What could take its place?
4. Two schools of thought - one argues for big, transformational change, the other advocates for change one person at a time. What are the arguments for each notion?
5. Is the "entrepreneurial approach" the only approach to achieve transformational change?
6. How do you respond to the proposition that people are basically good?
7. The Internet has been proposed as one way to make everyone a "changemaker and citizen." What are other ways to engage the broadest numbers?
8. Are there systems that you feel are "so broken, they are irredeemable?" Have you ever encountered, worked within or gone around one that was broken?
9. Do you believe, as Stephen Melville does, that the U. S. society is "near the breaking point" on the resolution of social dilemmas? Why or why not? (ch. 7)
10. What can be done to encourage people in the comfort zone to do the tough and difficult things?
11. Who are your heroes and why did you choose them? Whose vision in the book particularly speaks to you?
12. What are your answers to The World We Want questions?
  - What is your vision of a better world?
  - What are the conditions needed to realize it?
  - Based on your experience, what parts of the vision are realistic, and what ideas, strategies and plans can make it so?