



## Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: The Movement: Week 1 (June 25, 2023)

*This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22). Step 1: GATHER with your family or group. Step 2: REVIEW and DISCUSS the key points and scriptures from the sermon. Step 3: PRAY for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.*

### DISCUSSION STARTER

When you hear the word "evangelism", what comes to mind? Who was the person that first shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with you?

### DIGGING DEEPER 1

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.** Using your favorite Bible study tools or Bible Apps work through this scripture and answer the following questions. What does it mean to be in Christ? If you have a relationship with Jesus then that happens? It says the old is gone. The old what? (See Ephesians 4:22-24). Pastor Sam said, "It's not just about receiving this new life, it's also about living out this new life. With this new life we are given a new job, and ministry purpose." What does reconcile mean? How does this happen? What is the message of reconciliation? We are Christ's ambassadors, what is an ambassador? We are called to make God's appeal. What is the appeal? So, what is our job? What is our ministry?

### DIGGING DEEPER 2

**Read Philippians 3:20; Ephesians 2:19-20.** Using your favorite Bible study tools or Bible Apps work through this scripture and answer the following questions. As Christ followers where does our citizenship lay? Are we citizens of Earth or Heaven? What is our job here on Earth? Why was Jesus sent to Earth? How does this become our responsibility too? You may have heard the statement that some people are so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly good. How can this happen? As Christ Followers our citizenship is in Heaven. We are not home right now because we have been commissioned as citizens of heaven to restore broken relationships on Earth between God and his creation.

### DIGGING DEEPER 3

**Read Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; Matthew 25:14-30.** Using your favorite Bible study tools or Bible Apps work through this scripture and answer the following questions. What is our great commission? This is an ambassador's job! This is what ambassadors do. What are we doing as ambassadors? So as ambassadors of Christ sent out by Jesus to do the job he was doing of leading people to give their life to Jesus and restore a relationship with God. After we have accomplished leading people into a relationship with God what is our mission then. Does it stop there? What's our mission? Who gives us the power to be witnesses and disciple makers? How does the parable of the Talents encourage our faithfulness to live out our new life for Christ's purpose and plan?

### DOING THE WORD

No matter who you are there is good news. The Bible says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new is here!" So what do you do now? For some of you, you may need to tap into the benefits/promises/privileges that God has made. You know them, but you are not benefitting from them because you are not using them. Embrace your new name, your new privileges, and your new purpose. Others of you need to accept Christ and let Him make you new. Ask Him to make you alive and change your life. Take off the old self and put on the new. You can move from dead to alive in an instant, it can happen today. Lastly, others of you need to live in the newness of who you are. You need to pay forward what has been given to you. You are a child of God, live like one. You are an ambassador, live like one. You are a minister of reconciliation, live like one. Let's join together and lead a movement to grow the Kingdom of Christ!

**Our Job: Ambassadors**

**Our Ministry: Reconciliation**

**Our Mission: Discipleship**