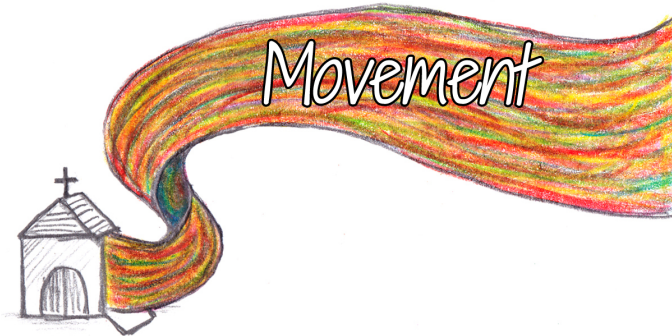


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bigIdea small group discussion



“I’m not smart enough.” “I don’t know the Bible that well.” “I have a checkered past.” All of us make excuses why God could not use us. But the story throughout the Bible is that God will use anyone and everyone who is connected to Him.

BIG IDEA: When ordinary people are with Jesus, extraordinary things happen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you tend to respond when people ask you for things—money, help, advice, time, etc.?
2. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read and discuss Acts 3:1-10.* What did the lame man ask of Peter and John? What did they give him instead?
3. How can we tell when the Holy Spirit is prompting us to act?
4. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read and discuss Acts 3:11-16.* Share about any Holy Spirit miracles you’ve witnessed, big or small.
5. Where do you currently need a Holy Spirit type of faith?
6. How can you make yourself available for God to use in supernatural ways?
7. “Is there an area in which God wants you to exercise faith right now?” Pray as a group that God would help you discern and respond to His will in faith.
8. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read and discuss Acts 4:1-22.* Do you ever feel like God has let you down? If so, in what ways?
9. What do you do in these circumstances?
10. Share with your Life Group some of the ways that God has come through for you in the past.
11. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read and discuss Acts 4:23-31.* Even though the disciples had just been persecuted, what did they pray for?
12. What would you say the majority of your prayer life is focused upon?
13. What might this reveal about your faith or your relationship with God? Where do you currently need boldness from God in your life?

THINK ABOUT IT

Many of us make excuses of why God could never use us. “I don’t know enough.” “I am not smart.” “I am too young.” “I am too old.” “I don’t have any money.”

MOVING FORWARD

Pray a prayer of boldness, modeled after Acts 4:23-30. After taking prayer requests from your members, thank God for Who He is, and give each situation to Him asking that He would fill each of you with the Holy Spirit so that you can continue living out the mission to which He has called you. Go forward in faith that God is for you and will be with you!

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13