

**Community Group 1**

**There will be Pain and Promise**

MVMT Madness - 5-7 minutes

* Ice breaker- Life is Tough!
  + **Question 1** - What is a time you had to work for something and it was really difficult?
  + **Question 2** - How did it feel that you persevered through the struggle and had victory?
    - Once everyone has had an opportunity to answer, share your own answers to the questions.
  + **Host -** Transitioning into the message:
    - Often in life we are faced with struggles! If you have been alive for longer than 5 minutes you know this!  You have to work for things and sometimes that comes with struggle and pain! In your walk with God, however, you can choose what pain you face. You can choose the pain of obedience or the pain of regret of a wasted life!  Now you’re probably thinking, “Wow, this group just got depressing!” and at face value you would be right. But at the end of the road if you choose to follow God this pain of obedience leads to joy!

MVMT Message - 20-30 minutes

* He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” **Revelation 21:4 (NLT)**
* I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”**John 16:33(NLT)**

**Question 1** - Why do you think there were tears in Revelation 21:4? Is it possible they could be tears of regret?

* **Host:** Share a time, following God was painful.

**Question 2** - Why do you think following God can be painful? Do you think the pain is worth it?

* **Host:** We will face pain following God because:

1. We are not of this world! Nor are the commands we follow!
2. We have a real enemy and are at war!
3. We will rarely grow when we are comfortable.

* And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28
  + Paul says that God wants to use all things for our good!  Even the pain of our obedience
  + This means that no tear we ever shed following Him will be wasted!.
  + He promises ALL things will work for our good! If we live for Him!

**Question 3** - What blessings and level of joy do you think is in store for those who choose the pain of obedience over the pain of regret?

MVMT Maker 10-15 minutes

**Question 1** - What is the next step of obedience do you need to take with God?

**Question 2** - What is keeping you from taking that step?

**Question 3** - Is the thing that is holding you back, worth missing out on what God has for you?

* Challenge leaders and students to share their next step with the group and then pray out loud for each student and the steps they need to take!

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**Community Group 2**

**Persistence in Prayer**

MVMT Madness

* Ice Breaker: Who would win in a fight?
  + **Question 1 -** Justice League vs. Avengers
  + **Question 2 -** Darth Vader vs. Nick Saban
  + **Question 3** - Kermit the frog vs. Pastor Noah Marshall
  + **Question 4** - Winnie the pooh vs. Barney the dinosaur
  + **Question 5 -** Zac Stephens vs. Ronda Rousey
* **Host -** It’s fun to debate who would win in certain struggles, but when we face struggles of our own it’s not so fun. When we find ourselves in the middle of a struggle, it is difficult to see hope for the future and peace for the present. As believers in Christ, we are in a fight because we have a spiritual enemy.
* **John 10:10** - **10** The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.
  + Jesus came to bring you an abundant life in the midst of your struggles

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**John 16:33** - **33** I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

* There is nothing in this world that Jesus can’t overcome
* Our hope is in our God and His name is Jesus

**Question 1 -** Where do you go or who do you turn to when you have troubles in your life? How do you process pain?

* God is not unaware of your pain or struggles, but He invites you to bring your grief to Him
* ***WHERE WE GO WITH OUR PAIN SAYS A LOT ABOUT OUR FAITH***
* If we don’t go to the one that cares the most when we are hurt the most, we miss out on our opportunities for healing and restoration
  + Our strength, peace, and restoration is found only in one place...**prayer**

**Question 2 -** On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being non-existent and 10 being ‘white-hot, on fire’) how would you rate your prayer life?

**Luke 18:1-8**- Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

* This widow’s persistent prayer softened the heart of the judge
  + This man didn’t fear God or respect man, but constant cry for justice eventually bothered the man to the point of giving her what she wanted just to shut her up!
* Thankfully, unlike the judge in the story, our God wants to help us and desires for us to grow in Him!

**Galatians 6:9** - 9 So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.

* ***YOUR BREAKTHROUGH IS ON THE OTHERSIDE OF YOUR OBEDIENCE. DON’T GIVE UP!!!***

**Question 3** - What is holding you back from persistent white-hot prayer?

MVMT Maker - Prayer time

**2 Chronicles 7:14** - Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

* As we walk through this prayer time together, we are going to focus intentionally on each piece in this Scripture

1. Humble yourself (Exalt Him through praise and thanksgiving)
2. Turn from your wicked ways (repent of sin)
3. Seek His face (Ask for Him to make your desires line up with His desires)
4. Pray
   1. Pray for the Church (FPS, Weekend, new campuses, other churches near and far)
   2. Pray for your community (Schools and neighborhoods)
   3. Pray for your lost friends/family (Name them individually)
   4. Pray for a personal revival (Break our heart for what breaks Yours)



**Community Group 3**

**Walking in the Miraculous**

MVMT Madness - 5-7 minutes

* Ice breaker - Super powers
  + **Question 1** - Who is your favorite superhero? Why?
  + **Question 2** - If you could have any super power, which one would you choose? Why?
    - Once everyone has had an opportunity to answer, share your own answers to the questions.
  + **Host -** Transitioning into the message:
    - With all the superhero movies/shows that have come out in the past 15 years, superpowers have never been more cool to talk about or witness on the big screen. What would you do if you actually had superpowers? Would you use them for the good of others or would you use them for your own selfish desires?

MVMT Message - 20-30 minutes

* **Acts 1:8** - 8 But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
* Jesus told the disciples they would have POWER in their lives through the Holy Spirit
* This POWER would give His followers the ability to share the Gospel (good news) and to walk in the miraculous

**Question 1** - What is a miracle? Have you ever seen a miracle happen? (*Please share your experience)*

* **Host:** Share a personal experience about a miracle you have witnessed

**Question 2** - Why do you think that we don’t see or hear about miracles that often in our world today?

* **Host:** The reason why we don’t see the miraculous so often is because we become:
  + Afraid of what we don’t understand
  + Indifferent to the supernatural
  + So calloused in unbelief that we don’t think God still does them
* **John 14:12** - 12 “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, **and even greater works**, because I am going to be with the Father.
  + Jesus says that His followers will actually be able to do greater works than He did!
  + He wants to use you to do the miraculous and to walk in it each and every day!
* **Acts 5:12-16** - **12** The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon’s Colonnade. **13** But no one else dared to join them, even though all the people had high regard for them. **14** Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord—crowds of both men and women. **15** As a result of the apostles’ work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter’s shadow might fall across some of them as he went by.**16** Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed.

**Question 3** - Which of these things do you think hold you back from walking in the miraculous? Fear, indifference, or unbelief?

MVMT Maker 10-15 minutes

**Question 1** - What do you need to change in your life in order to experience a miracle?

**Question 2** - Do you truly believe that God wants to use you to display His miraculous power to others? What type of miracles do you think He wants to do through you?

**Question 3** - Is there a specific miracle that you need to see happen in your life? If so, what is it? Are there others that are close to you that need a miracle? If so, what do they need?

* Challenge leaders and students to lay hands on one another and ask God for a miracle to happen (salvation, healing, deliverance, provision, freedom…)