



My Movement

Week 2: Connecting with God

What we want students to learn: God is waiting and ready to connect with you.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: Connect with God consistently.

Scripture Focus: Acts 17:24-28

The Main Point

During MVMT, the Movement Cause was Move Groups. Move Groups are student led small groups that students are launching all across Knoxville/East Tennessee. Whether they have questions, concerns or even doubts, we want to reassure our students that this is something God can empower them to do, taking His name into their schools every single day. In fact, whether they were at MVMT or not, this is something they can take part in.

Move Groups

A Move Group is a group of three or more students who meet together in their schools consistently to connect with each other and God. But, how do they do this? We are asking them to: 1.) Meet consistently, 2.) Have fun and 3.) Be honest. During the sermon tonight, your student pastor will be talking about all three components. However, in small groups, you will be focusing on consistency. For more information, check out <https://movementconf.com/groups>.

FPS Grow Conference

Have you registered for the FPS Grow Conference yet? The FPS Grow Conference is a training event for all FPS Volunteers as we prepare for another amazing year of ministry together.

Date (all volunteers): August 4th

Time (all volunteers): 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Date (coaches): August 3rd – August 4th

Time (coaches): August 3rd – 6:30-8:30 pm, August 4th 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Register by Friday, July 27th at fpstudents.org.

INTRODUCTION

Ask the icebreaker question to kick off small group.

- **What is your dream car (or just dream mode of transportation)?**

Encourage your students that they don't have to think traditional when it comes to this. Do they want a supersonic scooter? Sure, why not. Do they want a monster truck? Sure, why not. Do they want a hoverboard? Sure, why not.

We all have places to go. We all have reasons to get moving. Just as we have to move forward to different places in our everyday life, we get to move forward in our relationship with God too. While we move forward to different places in cars in our everyday life, it requires something a little bit different to move forward in our relationship with God. One way we can move forward in our relationship with God is to connect with God consistently.

PRAY that your students would recognize tonight that God hasn't asked them to complete a complex and complicated plan to move forward in their relationship with Him. First, all He asks them to do is connect with Him.

LESSON

- **What is your favorite way to connect with other people?**
 - *Instagram, facetime, snapchat, in person, etc.*

Just as we connect with our friends every single day, God wants us to connect with Him daily too. It isn't because God needs our affirmation and attention. God simply wants to be with us and wants to spend time with us.

Now, your students are going to read a passage from the book of Acts. Here is a little background information. While Paul was in Athens, he came across a groups of philosophers. These people, having no background on the things of God, couldn't comprehend what Paul was saying. So, Paul began preaching to these people and more in Athens. In Acts, Paul discusses not only how to seek God, but why to seek God.

Now, have your students read **Acts 17:24-28**

Then, have them re-read verse **27-28** which says, "God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'" (NIV)

- **What do you think it means to connect with God?**
 - The book of Acts was written during the period of the early church. Some of them had known Jesus personally, others knew people who had known Jesus personally. Yet, they still wanted to connect with God. **Why do you think God still wanted these people to connect with Him, even though He had just been walking on the earth with some of them?**
 - **Why do you think God wants to connect with you every day?**
 - **What difference does it make if you connect with God daily? Does it make a difference at all?**
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LIFE APPLICATION

For many students, having a quiet time and connecting with Jesus can feel extremely intimidating. They don't know where to start, what to read, or what to pray. We want to allow our students to understand that they aren't the only ones who feel that way. Only when they are honest about where they are at can they make a plan to move forward.

- **If the Bible is so old, why do we still read it?**
 - *After centuries of abuse, neglect, persecution and assault, the Bible continues to be the most influential book in the world, providing men and women of vastly different cultures and backgrounds an incredible connection with God and interpretation of life. How else could you account for all that without God's power?*

- **If you do read the Bible consistently, describe how you spend your time in the Word.**
 - **If you don't read the Bible, can you think of the biggest reason that stops you from doing so?**
 - *Answers might include: can't find the time, bored by reading it, not a priority, don't believe in it, no Bible to even read, etc.*
 - **Where's one place you could sacrifice to make time to read God's Word?**
 - *Video games, social media, sleep, addiction to pornography, talking to boys/girls, etc...*
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TAKE IT OUT

Close small group out with prayer requests. Pray specifically that God would replace their timidity for spending time with Him with excitement and passion.

After prayer, be sure to remind them of any upcoming group serving activities or student events and THE WEEKEND!