

MEN'S LIFE BLOOMINGTON & GOD @ WORK

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Make Your Journey a Movement

Definition: When people work together, dynamic growth and powerful change can happen. It is often from these cooperative efforts that a movement is born. When you spend time with others, look for ways to extend spiritual influence to them.

Audio Segment: *Taking the Time to Mentor Other Believers*

Segment Questions:

- What is a Movement? How is it different than a gathering?
- In what ways was the IU crowd rush a movement? How was it not?
- What is an example of a movement you have been a part of? In what ways is Men's Life a Movement? How is it not?
- Which scriptures listed on the back exemplify a movement? Why? Which personally speak to you?
- The greatest movement in history started at the cross and continues to this day. What are some of the characteristics of the early spread of Christianity that helped launch and sustain this movement?

Action Questions:

- Use the five devotional titles, (*see back bullet points*) to create a statement about what you think is at the core of a strong movement.
- How can we take what the early church did with movement building and use it to build a better Men's Life movement?
- This lesson appears in the "Walk" theme. How does your individual "walk with God" apply to building a strong movement?
- What encouragement can you offer to the "*less people oriented*" among us for how to participate in building a movement?
- What would you consider to be a realistic dream for what Men's Life can look like a year from now?

PERSONAL APPLICATION: What is one thing you can do this week to be better invested in the lives of other men?

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Although there are times when being alone can be of great benefit, most people find strength in numbers. Think back for a moment to the shot that Christian Watford took in the IU basketball game against Kentucky. There are some among us who had the privilege of being in Assembly Hall on December 10th, 2011. How can you describe what took place when the fans stormed the court? It is one thing to watch it on TV but you are moved up into a whole new realm when you experienced it live.

That is how God wants us to approach our journey with Him – not as spectators watching passively from a distance. He wants us storming the court, caught up in the enthusiasm of the moment. What if we respond to someone coming to faith in Christ in the same way the crowd did with that buzzer beating shot?

The idea of “Making Your Journey a Movement” does not happen in isolation. The description from this plan and the five devotional titles are:

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- Lights of Hope
- Displaying Christ Through Joy
- Taking the Time to Mentor Other Believers
- Partnering with Others
- On Mission Anywhere You Go

You begin to get the picture that it is a calling for us to be actively engaged with others. Hey, that is why you are here at Men’s Life, right? Kudos. Let’s excel still more.

One of the key ideas highlighted in this plan is that we should invest time and energy in helping other people to grow. And we should have people who invest in us. As these “investment pockets” grow, a movement of people walking with God begins to form.

The following Bible passages can help guide you through this process.

2 Corinthians 5:20 So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”

Hebrews 13:7 Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

2 Timothy 2:2 You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

1 Corinthians 12:27 All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Psalms 96:3 Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.