

**Introduction:**

Our God is not a stagnant God. He is living, breathing, and powerfully active. God is on the move and if we are going to follow him, we are going to have to be bold, strategic, prayerful people. Our world is broken, but it doesn't have to be that way. If we can seek after God, increase our devotion to him, and follow his lead, we can become the agents of change through which God makes his ideal our world's reality.

Scripture:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." -Acts 2:42-47

Discussion Questions:

1. Imagine an ideal future for your community. What are the differences that distinguish your ideal community from the community you live in now? What problems & struggles are absent in your ideal community?
2. When we as the Church decide to devote ourselves to the calling that God has placed on us, we can affect major change. What do you think it looks like to be highly devoted to a cause or goal? Have you ever seen a great example of devotion?
3. Jesus started the Church to be a movement that would change the world. What positive change has the Church had on our world so far? What work do you think is still ahead of us?
4. In Acts 2, the world was being changed & lives were being impacted because individuals were devoted to following Jesus, sharing the Gospel, and being a part of the Church. If you were completely & totally honest, on scale from zero to ten, how devoted are you right now?
5. Probably none of us consider ourselves a ten & many, if not all, of us can remember a time when we were a zero or a one. If you are not a zero, what is one thing that helped moved you to where you are now? What would it take to move you one step closer to a ten?
6. Imagine your daily life after taking that one step closer to a ten; what looks different? Now, imagine that you are not alone, but that all of Cokesbury has taken their own step; how is our normal, daily community life different?

Take the Next Step:

A church that makes a difference understands the "why," sees the potential, and tells a better story. Churches that make a difference are made up of people that make a difference. Maybe this week, you explore the 'why': read the 'God Is On The Move' publication & begin following Stephen's blog. Maybe you begin looking for potential: what change is God calling you to affect & what is the first step in that direction? Maybe you share your story, the story of Jesus, or the story of Cokesbury with a friend or neighbor. Whatever your next step is this week, be bold: take it.