

**Mobilized Church**  
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**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon  
and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.  
For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the  
questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships.  
Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

***The Church is only effective when it's in motion!***

- **Faith always moves forward.**  
*(It doesn't draw back! Hebrews 10:39)*
- **Faith always takes new ground.**
- **A healthy church is a mobilized church.**
- **A healthy believer is a mobilized believer.**

**[Acts 8:4]**

*The believers who were scattered preached the Good News  
about Jesus wherever they went.*

**[Genesis 12:1,4]**

*The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and  
your father's household to the land I will show you.*

*"I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you...So Abram went.*

**[Deuteronomy 11:24]**

***“Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall become yours.”***

**[Joshua 1:3]**

***“I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.”***

**[Joshua 3:15]**

***During harvest time the Jordan is at flood stage, running over its banks; but when the priests stepped into the river’s edge the water above that point began backing up a great distance away.***

**[Judges 6:11]**

***Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites.***

***“Isolation, loneliness and weak social connections are associated with a reduction in lifespan similar to that caused by smoking 15 cigarettes a day.”***

**—Dr. Vivek Murthy, former Surgeon General**

***Our culture has become obsessed with the flattening of one curve to the exclusion of the other curves.***

**—Peter Haas**

- 1. God faithfully comes to us, in our isolation, to remind us of who we are.**

***Don’t forget who you are; you are the embodiment of the presence of God in an immobilized world.***

**[Judges 6:12]**

*Then the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon and said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."*

- 2. God will give us a “mobilizing strategy” that will defy human reason.**
- 3. The power of God is activated when we mobilize in obedience.**

**FOR MONDAY / APPLICATION POINTS—**

1. Prayer-walk through your neighborhood for 20- 30 minutes every day this week.
2. Worship outside and in public places.
3. Reach out to neighbors and anyone you know who has been affected by the fires.
4. Volunteer for Adopt-a-block or We Love Our City.
5. Gather, outdoors, with your small group and pray over your city.

**TALK IT THROUGH**

1. When have you felt scattered or distanced from a group? How did that impact your sense of security?
2. In those times, who has reached out to you and reminded you of who you are?
3. How do we go from immobile, even paralyzed, to taking new ground? What effects does isolation have on your body? Why does God faithfully come to us even when we're isolated?
4. "The church is only effective when it's in motion." When the church is mobile, what does it experience? What does that look like?
5. Matthew 28:19 "Go..." Don't stay. Get mobilized. What does this mean for you? What tools has God given you that defy human reason, and how are these more effective?

6. What effects does isolation have on your body? Why does God faithfully come to us even when we're isolated?
7. What are the mighty weapons of warfare? What tools has God given you that defy human reason, and how are these more effective?