

HOLY MOMENTUM II

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever felt like your life is full of activities but you are not making any progress? It is the will of God for us and for the church to have a holy momentum, to have forward progress. In this study, we will look at the source of momentum, what stops us from having momentum and how we can develop momentum.

Q: On a scale of 1 to 10, how do you rate your current momentum? Where would you like to be on the scale by the end of the year?

KEY POINTS

1. SOURCE OF MOMENTUM. 'Holy' momentum begins with knowing who we are and what we are living for. We will always struggle with momentum if we have not discovered who we are and what we are supposed to be doing.

Read Ephesians 1:-14 (Msg), Isaiah 51:1

Q: What is your purpose? What are you living for?

Leader's Notes: *If some of your members have not yet discovered their purpose, take some time at the end of the study to pray that God will reveal it to them.*

2. MOMENTUM STOPPERS

Read Acts 8:1-4, 9:20-22

Paul's life changed after his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. The man who persecuted the church was transformed into a builder of the purposes of God, a builder of the people of God, and a builder of the church of God. Like Paul, we also need to overcome:

- a) Destructive habits, behaviours and attitudes.
- b) Holding on to our past and what we used to be.
- c) Pleasing others by becoming what they want us to be.
- d) Trying to be what we are going to be.

Q: What destructive behaviours, habits or attitudes have you had to stop in order to be what God has called you to be?

Q: What ones still need some work? (If possible members may like to share)

3. DEVELOPING MOMENTUM

I) Deciding to just be what God has called us to be.

Staying true to our calling however requires courage. This is because people will try to pressure us into becoming what they want us to be. We might also be tempted to shape our calling based on other people's calling.

Q: On a scale of 1 to 10, how will you rate your level of comfort and confidence in who God has called you to be?

Q: What steps have you taken to build your confidence in your calling? What steps do you need to keep taking or start taking?

Leader's Notes: *We hold significant meetings like Friday prayer meetings and the Evangelism month which started on the 01 September 2014 to help build church momentum and stay focused on what our church is called to do.*

II) Live according to God's own purpose.

We need to live beyond ourselves. God has delivered, saved and called us for a bigger purpose – to reconcile the world to Him through our proclamation of the Gospel.

Read 2Timothy 1:9

Q: What does living according to His purpose look like in your life?

Q: In what ways could you move the purposes of God forward in your life?

III) Live within our call

Read 1Corinthians 7:20

Momentum comes from living within our calling. Too many people are living without momentum because they are not satisfied with their calling. They have dislocated themselves from living from the centre of God's purpose for their life.

Q: What might living outside your calling look like?

Q: In what ways are you living within your call at home, at work or in church?

PRAYER POINT – EVANGELISM & EX:FUND 25 PROJECT

Our month of Evangelism started 1 September 1, 2014 and we are praying for a great harvest of souls. Pray that God will use you as an individual to cause changes and bring people into God's kingdom.

Also, we have continued to collate quotes regarding the in-house projects and we believe in God's abundant providence to meet every need, above and beyond our expectations.

Finally, we believe in influence is a critical part to bringing in a huge harvest of committed people and build a culture that will cause the change we so desire. Pray for the influence of the Holy Spirit to be stronger on a daily basis in the church and our individual lives.