

GOD'S MOVES

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GOD MOVES:

1. can look “_natural_”
II Kings 22:1-2; 23:1-3, 21-25;
II Kings 23:29; Acts 12:1-3;
I Sam 5:1, 6; 6:1-5, 7-9;
James 5:14-16
2. may seem “_small_”
John 1:14; I Cor 1:27;
Luke 8:11; I Pet 1:23;
I Kings 19:11-13; I Sam 17:1ff
3. often _trigger_ a _sequence_
II Kings 9:1-3; John 4:4ff;
Act 9:32-35; I Thess 5:16-18
4. _incorporate_ the
enemy's moves
Rev 17:14; 19:19;
Acts 4:23-28;
Prov 21:30; Acts 8:1-4;
Gen 50:20
5. often involve _leaders_
Prov 21:1; Luke 2:1-5;
I Tim 2:1-4; Acts 4:13
6. open _doors_
I Cor 16:8-9; II Cor 2:12;
Col 4:3; Matt 7:7;
Prov 9:13-18; James 1:5
7. are _right_ on time (His _time_,
not _ours_)
II Pet 3:9-10; Gal 4:4;
Matt 26:3-5; Dan 9:24-27;
Luke 22:28-40

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The following is designed to help your group enter into meaningful discussion and application as you become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus. These questions are a guide and you may not address all of them in group. Look through them ahead of time and identify questions you would like to discuss more thoroughly together. Any questions not addressed during group may be useful for personal study. Remember, our goal is to not just listen to the Word but obey it (James 1:22).

RELATE

1. Have you invited anyone to come with you to hear Nick Vujicic? If so, stop and pray for those invited.
2. Share which of the seven premises on how God moves is most meaningful or surprising to you and why?

REVIEW

1. Was there anything from last week's teaching that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?
2. Name each of the seven ways God moves and identify the key concept of each.
3. Review how each of the seven premises is relevant to our text.

DIG

1. Identify three or four biblical stories that demonstrate one or more of the ways God moves. Example: Stoning of Stephen in Acts 7:59-8:4:
 - triggers a sequence - as a result of Stephen's stoning, believers scatter from Jerusalem and the Gospel goes forth
 - incorporates the enemy's plan - the enemy sought to squelch Stephen's testimony, yet as a result God's testimony goes further than Stephen could have taken it alone
 - involves leaders - Stephen was stoned with the approval of Saul, a Jewish leader
 - right on time - it appears to be God's timing to spread the Gospel beyond Jerusalem
2. As a group, think of some other examples from Scripture. If you can't think of any, check out these stories of Jesus (John 19-20), Joseph (Genesis 50:15-21), and Paul (Acts 27:27ff).

APPLICATION

1. Is there anything difficult in your life right now where it appears God is absent?
As a group discuss how God might be moving.
2. Even if you can't understand or see God moving in your difficult situation are you willing to trust Him?

RESOURCES

Where is God When It Hurts by Phillip Yancey

When God Doesn't Make Sense by James Dobson