



On the Move Small Group Discussion Guide

Series Introduction (*Read aloud during Session 1, revisit in future sessions as needed*)

This fall, we embark on a pivotal journey with the ON THE MOVE campaign—a season of vision casting and active participation. Our church is setting a bold, three-year course focused on three key initiatives: Building Our Faith, Reaching Our Community and Shaping Our Future.

We're inviting everyone to make a personal investment—spiritually, missionally, and financially. This isn't just about reaching goals; it's about engaging in God's work together.

Why take these bold steps? Over the next five weeks, we'll explore five of Jesus' parables, revealing why investing in the ON THE MOVE vision isn't a risk or sacrifice but an opportunity to step deeper into God's kingdom. As we navigate each session, we will keep this question in mind: *What makes us willing to take such bold steps and embrace sacrifices for this vision?*

Each session will dive into key takeaways from the weekly sermon. We'll also watch brief interviews with Pastor Nate and Pastor Terry, who will reflect on the messages and share practical ways to bring the ON THE MOVE principles to life.

We hope this serves as a fun and informal, behind-the-scenes look at how the vision for ON THE MOVE has developed in the hearts of the leadership. More importantly, we want to create space for you to apply these insights in your own life. The best place to do that is within a close-knit, trusted small group or around the dinner table with family and friends.

Important Note for Leaders: Your enthusiasm, openness and personal engagement with the ON THE MOVE vision are crucial. Be prepared to share your stories, challenges, and excitement to set the tone and inspire transformation in your group.

Schedule:

Session 1: Week of October 20 // Jesus on the Move // Stories of Gratitude

Session 2: Week of October 27 // Church on the Move // Coin Challenge

Session 3: Week of November 3 // Stewardship on the Move // Buckets

Session 4: Week of November 10 // Money on the Move // Bigger Barns

Session 5: Week of November 17 // Hearts on the Move // The Yardstick

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Session 1 - Jesus on the Move // Stories of Gratitude (Week of October 20)

Overview: This week we begin the ON THE MOVE series with a focus on Jesus and His ultimate demonstration of generosity. We'll reflect on how gratitude strengthens our faith and builds resilience in our spiritual journey.

Opening Prayer: Begin by asking God to open your hearts to gratitude, reflecting on Jesus' example of generosity and love. He sacrificed his life to save us, the ultimate example of generosity.

Ice Breaker: What makes you nervous or apprehensive about a study on money management and generosity? What makes you hopeful or inspired about this study?

Teaching Video: [Watch the video featuring Pastor Terry and Pastor Nate](#), discussing the heart behind the ON THE MOVE campaign and hear why this entire endeavor must begin with a focus on Jesus.

Scripture: Matthew 13:44-46 (Parable of the Priceless Pearl)

Discussion Questions:

1. You heard Pastor Nate's perspective on the importance of starting with Jesus. From your point of view, why do you think it's important to begin this campaign with a focus on Jesus?
2. In Matthew 13:44-46, Jesus describes the Kingdom of heaven as a treasure worth giving up everything for. What sacrifices have you made in your faith journey to seek God's path in your life? How have these moments of surrender and sacrifice in following Jesus helped you grow in your faith or relationship with God?
3. How does Jesus' example of becoming the merchant who gave up everything to save you challenge or inspire your own generosity?

Activity: Gratitude Chain: Have each person share a brief story about someone who has impacted their faith and why they are grateful for them. After sharing, the speaker passes to someone in the group by saying, "I'm thankful for (name), and now I want to hear who (next person) is grateful for!"

Taking Action This Week:

1. This week, take additional time to reflect on someone who has influenced your faith and express gratitude to God for their impact. Consider sharing your message of gratitude in a creative way, such as a handwritten note or personal conversation. You will have a chance to share your experience in the next session.
2. Read the ON THE MOVE Vision Guide that we received on Sunday. Pastor Nate asked us each to "Make a commitment to make a financial commitment." Begin praying about what sacrifice looks like in your life as we seek to build the Kingdom of Jesus in our community.

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As we move forward in this series, let's remember that Jesus' example of generosity and the influence of others in our lives are key components of becoming resilient disciples. Let's commit to supporting each other, being honest and going deeper in the weeks ahead.

Closing Prayer: Spend time praying for the people who have shaped your spiritual journey and for your group as you grow together throughout this series. Ask God to use your group as an open and honest place where group members can dialogue about the weekly message and begin working out how God is moving them to participate, in faith, sacrifice and action.