

THE MVMT

MISSION ADVENTURES Speaker Notes for the 2020 Theme

SESSION 01: SOUND THE ALARM!

The first session of the MVMT theme is to set the stage for the birth of the movement. It's the opportunity to share the event that started it all; the entire reason the MVMT exists: the resurrection of Jesus! This session aims to share the Gospel and invite students to shed their old lives and step into the death of Jesus so that he may live in and through them!

This is the setting of the stage for the whole reason this week is happening at all, the whole reason we live our lives the way we do and call others into the MVMT. SOUND THE ALARM- Jesus is alive and his resurrection was the spark that set the world on fire!

Before Jesus

Before Jesus the world depended on works to make up for the sin we are all born into. A heavy, bloody, mournful load to cover up the death that was spreading through our world since the fall of man in Genesis 3. Jesus was born into a world of heavy burden, people were looking for a messiah to rescue them from the oppression around them. Today We live in a world that is full of false Gods, numbness, breathlessness. Suicide is at an all time high, people are used and things are loved, and anxiety and depression are crippling. Much like the followers of YHWH 2000 years ago, we are in need of rescue.

Enter Jesus

Jesus's birth fulfilled the prophecies saying hope was coming, that a new king would rescue us from oppression and change the world. With the first cry of the newborn savior, the world would never be the same. He showed us how to live, how to be free of our heavy burdens and instead take on his load, which is light and full of freedom. And in the end Jesus died a shameful, brutal death- taking all the sin and death to the grave, dropping them off in hell where they belong. But that's not the end of the story...

The Resurrection

3 days after Jesus died, he proved that sin and death were conquered by raising from the grave. SOUND THE ALARM, JESUS IS ALIVE, and this changes everything!! This is the spark, the flick of a match, that sets the entire world on fire and it is out of this moment that the MVMT is born. He wasn't just a good teacher, he didn't just share some good ideas- Jesus's resurrection broke the power of death and sin, and He invites us to step into his life... but first, we die.

The Invitation

Jesus offers us hope, freedom from our heavy burdens, and a life in a kingdom full of peace, joy, kindness and the love of the father. But first we must pass through death. The only way to enter this kingdom is to die to our own desires, our own flesh, and step into Jesus. Galatians 2:20 says "I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

Will you choose to die so that you can fully alive?

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SESSION 02: STRIKE THE MATCH

The Alarm has been sounded. Now the match must be lit.

Jesus spent his time on earth teaching his disciples and us a new way to live life. This was him sounding an alarm. But then this special moment happened, the moment the movement truly started. That is the moment Jesus Christ rose from the dead. It makes no sense for a sinless man to willingly be murdered for sinners like you and me. But Jesus chose to do it. This single act of selflessness has forever changed the world. He came to earth for this moment. His purpose was to break the cycle of sin and death which he did when he walked out of the tomb. Jesus was able to raise from the dead because of the power of the HOLY SPIRIT. This is important. Because it is the HS who gives us the power to also do incredible things for the kingdom.

The previous night, Sounding the alarm, is about an alert, a warning, prophecy or even a call to repent. But this night, strike the match, is where the change really starts. Once we recognize what Jesus has done for us on the cross it compels us to change our life to live for God and others. We begin to reimagine life, We recognize false gods we have worshiped that maybe weren't so obvious. Once we decide to follow Jesus whole-heartily the Holy Spirit begins to speak to us, teach us, reveal and convict us. This isn't something that just happens when we first decide to follow Jesus, it is a constant revival that happens in us throughout our walk with Christ. The Holy Spirit desires to consume us and reveal the heart of God so we can continue to make adjustments, repent, and return to our Father whole-heartily following him.

Feel free to use any scripture to guide you in writing a message for this night. But here are a few that inspired us:

Joel chapter 2

Acts 1:6-10

Moses and the burning bush

The Exodus

John 3:5-8

Deuteronomy Chapter 5 especially 5:22

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SESSION 03: FAN THE FLAME

We will see growth in our culture and in our churches when we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us. We have been seeing it over this movement for the last 2000 years! When we allow the Holy Spirit to lead our life, Influence our decisions, relationships, careers, and even the day to day things this is when we will know Our Creator best. Our Father wants relationship with us - he sent his Son and left us the Holy Spirit for this reason. When we begin to walk in the spirit and not in the flesh God will use us for extraordinary things. This is when Gospel imagination and innovation will be at its best. If our passion for change is fueled by Godly dissatisfaction then our response will always be a Godly response and Christ-like innovation will be the result. Our students already have the desire to change the world. They already have passion. We must teach and lead by example that the Holy Spirit is the key to real change. The Movement, revolution, revival, renaissance, renewal whatever you want to call it, must be fueled by the power of the Holy Spirit. That is the kingdom life, A movement that will bring real, eternal change.

Deuteronomy Chapter 5 especially 5:22
Ezekiel 20:47
Hebrews 10:19-25
1 John 1:5-7
Romans 1:16
Galatians 5:16-26
Romans 12

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SESSION 04: WILDFIRE

“What the world needs is people who believe so much in another world that they cannot help but begin enacting it now.” From *Irresistible Revolution*, by Shane Claiborne

A wildfire is a powerful, uncontrollable and contagious force that can bring both destruction and regeneration. Though some negative effects can occur where wildfires do not belong, naturally occurring wildfires have happened throughout the history of our world. They can produce evolutionary effects for the environment and ecosystem that they come into contact with. Forest fires can help return nutrients to the soil when old decaying matter is turned to ashes, and this clearing of old matter makes way for new forests to spring up creating beneficial conditions for wildlife.

Our world needs a spiritual wildfire. Old ideas of society have been ripped down. People are hungry and thirsty; the world is barren, dry; and society has been disassembled by generations that have gone before.

Our students are ready and eager for revolution. They are ready to burn down old rights and certainty, to flip tables as Jesus did, and to bring Kingdom Culture.

We want to see a movement. A movement of the Holy Spirit. We want to empower

them to go in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We want to give them boldness to go into their schools, cities and beyond. We want to tell them of Jesus, a revolutionary, who went with God and brought change to whoever he met. We want to reassure them that kingdom living is alive and relevant, and that operating in it brings change.

“We are not just laying our lives at the altar with nothing to pick up but we are also picking up an irresistible revolution that the world is waiting for” - Shane Claiborne

We want the fire to spread. Our prayer is that they wouldn't hold on to their own small flame, but that with each flame, each flicker, they would hold it up and catch everything around them on fire, in the name of Jesus Christ.

We want the students to understand that living a life where Galatians 2:20 is foundational, gives them power to pick up the call of Romans 12.

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

We are calling them to a Love in Action (Romans 12:9-21).

We are calling them to:

- Love sincerely, cling to good and hate things that are in opposition to the character of God
- Honour each other, never lack zeal, serve the Lord.
- Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
- Love strangers, practice hospitality.
- Bless those who persecute them.
- Rejoice with those rejoicing, mourn with those mourning.
- Live peacefully with others, love and know all kinds of people.
- Not be proud or conceited.
- Not repay evil with evil
- Not live of the world.
- Not take revenge

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not overcome evil for evil, but overcome evil with good.”

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THE MVMT MANIFESTO

In a world where gadgets are worshipped as gods, where individuality gives license to trample our neighbor, where perfectionism reigns with an iron fist, and success promises false certainty...

In a world where people are numb, tormented with anxiety, and breathless. Where depression bogs down the masses, where polarization and pride destroy any hope of true change, and everywhere you look we are plagued with “not enough”.

ENTER THE MVMT

2,000 years ago the God-man died. Not only did He die, He came to life again and lives today, and His resurrection changes everything. He lives on earth in His people, here known as *The MVMT*.

The MVMT rejects society’s idea of “life” that results in death. We The MVMT have each individually been crucified—our own will, desires, and ideas of reality are dead and we no longer live; It is Christ that lives in us. The lives we now live in our bodies we live by faith in the Son of God. (Gal 2:20)

WE ARE DEAD. CHRIST LIVES IN US. WE WILL LIVE ACCORDINGLY:

- We the MVMT do not pretend to love others; We act in love towards everyone.
- We the MVMT hate what is wrong and hold fast to what is good.
- We the MVMT delight in honoring each other.
- We the MVMT reject laziness, but work hard to serve our Master.
- We the MVMT have joyful hope in our King.
- We the MVMT are patient in trouble, committed to prayer.
- We the MVMT are ready to help others and love practicing hospitality.
- We the MVMT will bless those who persecute us.
- We the MVMT will live in harmony, laughing with the happy and weeping with the sad.
- We the MVMT will hang out with the lowly
- We the MVMT will live lives of honor and peace with everyone
- We the MVMT do not take revenge, instead we feed our hungry enemies and offer them a drink
- We the MVMT will not be conquered by evil, but will conquer evil by doing good.

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We the MVMT pledge ourselves to Jesus as our true king— the One whose thunderous voice quakes the earth and shatters cedars, the One who speaks out of the fire. He is the One who first laid down his life for us and showed us a new kind of living. We will speak up and use our voices to echo everything Jesus taught and make him known in our home towns and around the world.

We see this MVMT, this death and completely new life in Jesus, not for ourselves alone, but for all who are willing to lay down the shackles of this world and step in to the wildfire.

This year we will learn what it means to die to ourselves and discover something worth living for through the idea that God is stirring up a movement. The MVMT is aggressive submission to God's word, and a holy rebellion against the lies the world promotes as reality. The MVMT is a wildfire that starts with the spark of the Gospel, but through student's living out of kingdom principles, becomes a raging flame. As a wildfire burns it cleanses the surface and destroys dead clutter, making space for new life to grow. It burns without

respect for borders or anything that stands in it's way, consuming everything that is consumable. Wildfire is essential in nature, it is essential in our faith, and the MVMT is an invitation to be consumed by and spread the wildfire.

Through biblical imagery of sound and fire and echos of revolution we will explore the Gospel, living in a new kingdom, and Evangelism. This theme is an invitation to students to lay down their idea of life for the kingdom radically, innovatively and contagiously.

Welcome to the movement of sound and fire!

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