

Begin a Movement

During your mission trip, you were part of something incredible – a bunch of people with a similar idea doing something great together. Now, maybe you're still itching to be part of something bigger than yourself – something meaningful and incredible. Here are the 4 things you need to start something incredible:

A PASSION

God wired you a certain way, giving you desires, talents and opportunities. Think through what you really care about, then find a way to turn that passion into an opportunity to serve.

Questions to get you started:

- What is an issue that has affected your life that others also face?
- What group of people do you spend time thinking about?
- When have you felt deep compassion for others? Who were those people?
- What unique skills do you have that could be used to help others in need?
- What kind of service have you really enjoyed?
- Where have you recognized a need that you want to do something about?

PEOPLE

Once you find your passion, find others who share it. It might be tempting to ask only people who are just like you, but look for people who can compliment your movement with gifts that are different from yours. Include some key people in planning, then keep the door open for more to join in.

Questions to get you started:

- Who should you involve in the planning process?
- What kind of skills do you need to turn your plan into action?
- What are some ways you can invite others to join your plan?
- Who are some people who also care about this issue?
- Who are the people who want to support you, whatever the cause?

A PLAN

Learn about the issue and listen for the needs of those you want to serve. Once you've done your research, make a plan. It's OK to start small. Consider what you need to make your movement happen – people, time, supplies, finances. Make a timeline for what you want to accomplish. Once you've begun, don't be afraid to reassess how things are going and, if necessary, adjust your plan.

Questions to get you started:

- How can you learn more about the issue you are passionate about?
- What are some questions you can ask to find out what you want to know?
- Who could tell you more about the needs of the people you want to serve?
- What are some creative ways you can meet those needs?
- What do you want to be the result of your movement? Do you want it to happen by a certain time?
- What do you need to make your plan successful and how will you acquire those things?

PRAYER

Ask God to drive your passion, to be in your planning and to help you gather people. Listen for God's direction and be willing to follow.

Questions to get you started:

- What's your motivation for serving others?
- What is Jesus inviting you to do?
- How can you be like Jesus in the ways you serve others?
- How can you keep Jesus at the center of your movement?
- How can you make prayer a part of recognizing your passions, making a plan and gathering people?