

Discussion Guide

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For Such A Time As This: Week 5

Moving Day

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Main Idea

This weekend marks a holy hinge moment for Hope City: we are honoring six years of God's faithfulness at Houston Christian School while stepping into the new season He has prepared at the West Houston Campus. Like Moses on Mount Nebo, we can look back and see where God has carried us, and look ahead to the promise He is leading us into. Scripture calls us to remember what God has done, release what we cannot take with us, and move toward what He is making new in us. Moving Day is not just about changing buildings; it is about allowing God to change us as we step into a new chapter of His story for this house.

Anchor Passage

"Forget all that— it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new."
(Isaiah 43:18–19, NLT)

Read: Isaiah 43:18–19; Deuteronomy 34:1–4; Psalm 103:1–5; Joshua 3:5; Revelation 21:5; Deuteronomy 8:4, 6–7, 10; Exodus 3:4–5

1. WE HAVE TO REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS DONE THROUGH US

Moving Day starts with gratitude. Before Israel crossed into the promise, God reminded them where He had brought them from and what He had done in their midst. Psalm 103 calls us to bless the Lord and refuse to forget His benefits—His forgiveness, healing, redemption, and daily goodness. For Hope City, every aisle, chair, and corner of this gym has become a memorial of God's faithfulness: salvations, baptisms, restored marriages, prodigals returning, and countless quiet moments where

God met people personally. Remembering is not sentimental; it is spiritual. It builds faith to trust that the God who moved here will move there.

Read: Psalm 103:1–5; Deuteronomy 8:4, 7, 10

Discussion: When you think about your time at Houston Christian School (or in a previous season of your life), what specific work of God do you never want to forget? How does intentionally remembering God’s faithfulness in past seasons give you confidence to trust Him in the new season ahead?

2. WE HAVE TO RELEASE WHAT WE CAN’T TAKE WITH US

You do not pack everything on Moving Day. Isaiah 43:18 does not mean erasing the past; it means refusing to drag old weight into a new season. The invitation is to lay down fears, shame, insecurity, labels, and battles that God has already addressed. In the sermon, we were reminded that some things simply do not get a box: old sin patterns, old narratives about who we are, or old disappointments that keep us from embracing what God is doing now. Forgetting, in the biblical sense, is choosing not to let an old battle define a new blessing. God is calling us to leave behind what He has already healed and to travel light into the future He has prepared.

Read: Isaiah 43:18; Deuteronomy 34:1–4

Discussion: If you treated this moment like a true “moving day,” what attitudes, fears, or patterns would you refuse to pack and carry into your next season with God? What practical step could help you leave that “box” here instead of bringing it with you?

3. WE HAVE TO MOVE TOWARD WHAT GOD IS MAKING NEW IN US

God does not bring His people to the edge of a promise just to leave them standing there. Joshua 3:5 reminds us that consecration comes before acceleration—God calls His people to set themselves apart because He is about to do amazing things among them. Revelation 21:5 declares that God is actively making all things new, not just someday but right now. For Hope City, the new West Houston Campus is more than a building; it represents a new season of revival, salvations, leadership development, and generational impact. The question is not just where the church is moving, but whether we will move with God in our personal lives—consecrating ourselves, saying a fresh yes, and allowing Him to make us new from the inside out.

Read: Joshua 3:5; Revelation 21:5; Deuteronomy 8:6–7

Discussion: Where do you sense God inviting you to consecrate yourself—set apart your life, time, or priorities—as you move into this new season? What would it look like for you to actively “move with God” rather than just watch the church move into a new building?

SUMMARY

Moving Day is both emotional and prophetic. We stand in a space that has become an altar of God's faithfulness, remembering all He has done among us. At the same time, we hear His call to release what cannot go with us—old weights, old wounds, and old identities that do not belong in the new season. Finally, we respond to His invitation to consecrate ourselves and move toward the new thing He is making in and through us. We did not just outgrow a building; we outgrew a season. The same God who met us here is leading us forward, and He is not done writing His story through this house or through our lives.

CALL TO ACTION

Take time this week to mark this moment.

First, write down one specific way God has met you in this "Houston Christian" season and thank Him for it.

Second, name one thing you will not carry into the new season—a habit, fear, label, or mindset—and surrender it to God in prayer.

Third, ask the Lord how He wants you to consecrate yourself for what is ahead, and take one concrete step of obedience that reflects your decision to move with Him into the new thing.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

"Moving Boxes" Exercise

Instructions: Bring two labeled sheets or boards for your group: one titled "Remember Here" and one titled "Leave Here." You can also use two large sticky notes or poster boards if you are meeting in person.

1. Give each person several small slips of paper.
2. On the "Remember Here" slips, invite people to anonymously write short phrases representing what God has done in this season (for example: "salvation," "my marriage restored," "freedom from addiction," "calling clarified").
3. On the "Leave Here" slips, invite them to write things they are choosing not to carry into the next season (for example: "fear," "shame," "comparison," "old labels," "doubt").
4. Have group members come up and place their slips under the two headings.

5. Read a few of each aloud (without names) and then take time to pray together—thanking God for what He has done and asking Him for grace to truly leave behind what does not belong in the new season.

This visual “moving day” moment helps the group honor God’s faithfulness, release unnecessary weight, and step forward in unity and expectation for what God is making new.