



Terrorists, radical Muslims, persecution, new atheists, secular humanism, & evolution. *Ever wonder if Christianity and the Church are in its final days and will be snuffed out in a few more generations? Ever wonder what you should even be doing today as a Christian in times like these?* This series will remind us that God's purpose and plan for the Church is **UNSTOPPABLE**. So let's remember what He's called us to do while we trust Him to do what only He can do.

Discussion Guidelines

The **Sermon Discussion** questions are designed to help facilitate the small group conversation to focus on application of God's word based on the sermon. We live in a day where bible information is rampant yet we are having little to no impact on our culture and society. What we lack is the application of the bible information in our lives (James 1:22-25). These questions will help your small group create a context for people to share, change and grow together. Remember, there's level ground at the foot of the cross and we have more in common with each other than we do with Jesus. Be gracious and known for your love for one-another (John 13:34-35; Galatians 6:1-2).



Sermon Discussion:

- **Read Acts 20:17 – 38 and Review** the Sermon Outline and the main points.

If you want to live for what really matters most, Paul says we need to let go of some things that the world clings and clamors after.

“Letting go of...”

1. “What you think is true is what gives you the courage to proclaim a biblical worldview” (v20 & 27).
2. “Promoting yourself is what leads to the humility of resting in Christ” (v19; 1 Cor 4:1).
3. “Your need to look strong is what frees your heart to add tears to your truth” (v31; 37; LK 19:41).
4. “Your own petty plan is what forges friendships that are deeper than what the world ever knows” (v36 – 38).
5. “Protecting your life will change what danger looks like for you” (v22 – 24).

- **Reflect and Ruminare**: Of the main points given in the sermon, which one(s) resonated with you the most and what is your manner of life in relation to these things?
 - Where has the bible “offended” you or where have you been “seduced” away from the bible?
 - Do you lean more towards truth or tears? How can you make a change to move towards the other direction?
- **Replace**: Based on what you shared above, is there something God is calling you to change as a result of the sermon? (Eph 4:22-23).
 - What are you holding onto in your life that is hindering you from finishing well (v24-25)
- **Renew**: What practical step(s) of obedience could you implement in your life this week as it relates to the area of your life you want to change? (Eph 4:24).
- **Request**: How can the group pray for and encourage you this week in regards to these things. (Gal 6:2; Heb 10:24-25).
- **Remember**: It’s easy to forget how the Gospel applies to your life. Your identity in Christ is greater than any sin committed against you or by you. How can you apply the gospel in your current circumstances and situation in life as a result of the sermon? (Galatians 2:20; 2 Cor 11:30; 12:9-10)