



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).

Introduction

- **Read Colossians 1:19 – 2:23 and Review** the Sermon Outline and the main points.

We’ve been in this Unstoppable Sermon series for 8 weeks now, does anyone have a testimony of how they’ve been “Unstoppable” for God’s glory? **Note:** it doesn’t have to end well and can include ongoing resistance or suffering in addition to something amazing.



Sermon Discussion

Reflect and Ruminare: *Of the main points given in the sermon, which one(s) resonated with you the most? What is your manner of life in relation to these things?*

Three warnings that reflect the 4 commands that Paul gives: **Watch Out for...**

- I. ...*Worldly* philosophies that DENY or DISCOUNT the Person and Work of Jesus Christ (2:8)
- II. ...*Religious* Philosophies that Start with Jesus but don't Stay with Jesus because they INSIST on you adding to who HE is and what HE's DONE (1:30)
 - A. Don't let anyone call you away from your single and simple devotion to Christ (2:16-17)
 - B. Don't let anyone convince you there's something better of higher than Christ (2:18)
- III. ...the *Human Tendency* to try and finish in your own strength what can only be done by a growing relationship with Jesus Christ (2:6-7; 9-10; 13-15)

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).*

- a) Wisdom & truth are not determined by IQ but by your personal view of Jesus. How has your personal view of Jesus changed over the years?
- b) The gospel is about Jesus. Our tendency is to add something else to the good news. *Do you have a theology of "I have Jesus, but also I still need to do: _____?"* If so, what is the "but also" that you need to get rid of in life?
- c) The word for Faith means, "a strong confidence or reliance UPON someone or something as your object of trust." Is there something or someone you are putting your faith in other than the person of Jesus and the finished work of the cross (2:13-15)?
 - a. *Examples:* finances; social cause; politics; behavior (legalism); Education; Psychology

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).*

- a) *Example:* Struggling to read you bible consistently or at all? Make it your goal to read one chapter of the New Testament 4 or more days this week. Start small and build up from there.

Request: *How can the group can 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 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).*

- a) Consider memorizing Colossians 2:13-15 as a small group