

Bible Summary - Acts

Unstoppable

The first third of the Book of Acts shows a definite pattern of victory. There are victories over doubters, sickness, opposition from outside and division inside the church. Each time the agent of victory is King Jesus as He promised in Matthew 16:18-19. The followers of Jesus do have an important role to play in these victories. First, they are obedient. They wait in an upper room, take steps of faith, share the message Jesus commanded them to share, and then they launch out into the regions Jesus told them to reach out to. Secondly, they pray. The Book of Acts church is a praying church. They are not the praying church that then sits around and does nothing but they do not do something until they have prayed. They are prayerful partners of their King and they become unstoppable.

Scriptures: Acts 1-13; Matthew 5:16, 11:28-30, 16:18-19; John 7:37-39

Bible Questions and Application

(These are here as an aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through every question listed.)

1. In the Book of Acts, good often followed what looked to be bad. In your life, how do you personally maintain hope when things look bad.
2. After listening to today's message, what are some things that you feel led to pray for?
3. Define what a good partnership looks like. In light of that definition, discuss ways you could personally have a better partnership with the Lord.
4. Does your witness reflect Acts chapter 1, fearfully hiding in the Upper Room or Acts 8:4 where they were scattered but they were boldly proclaiming the name of Jesus?
 - a. If you're living in Acts 1, are you willing to share some fears that keep you hiding your witness? Would you allow the group to pray for you?
5. The Book of Acts is a picture of the unstoppable power of God. Can you describe a time in your life where you experienced the unstoppable power of God?
 - a. If not, what needs to happen for you to become unstoppable?
6. In the Book of Acts we see prayer initiating great works of God. How can we incorporate prayer to a greater degree in our everyday life?
7. Last week's community groups were challenged to practice sharing the gospel in 60 seconds or less. Please consider doing that in your groups this week also.