

# UNSTOPPABLE STUDY GUIDE.

## Message.

God can and will use difficult things to accomplish His will. In the first century when the Church was under persecution, God used it to geographically spread the disciple-makers. They were directed by Jesus to spread the Gospel throughout all the world and so far, they had remained in Jerusalem. Were they too comfortable? Do we allow ourselves to get too comfortable to the point that we aren't sharing the Gospel if it calls us out of our area? When the Church was spread out due to persecution, it grew! God moves in powerful ways and when He does, we can expect the counterfeit to follow. Simon the magician was a false convert. He did not long to know God and be known by God, but only to possess power. A true disciple seeks to know the Miracle Worker, not simply the miracle working power. A true disciple seeks God to have a pure heart and live a Spirit-led life in a truly authentic way. To do this, we must evaluate our hearts. We must ask the Holy Spirit to convict us of our wrong intentions. We must stop concerning ourselves with managing perceptions and seek after what is real by being real. Be honest with God, yourself, and others. *An unstoppable Church longs for purity and authenticity. #bccBIGidea*

## Prayer.

Father,

I praise You for Your purity and authenticity. You love Your creation with perfection. I'm sorry when I doubt Your love or suggest You are behind any wrongdoing. Though it is difficult, I rejoice when even negative circumstances cause me to grow in my faith and love for You. Open my eyes to Your truths. Search my heart and rid me of any impure thoughts or motives. Show me ways I can grow so that I can be used to bring others closer to You. Fill me with Your Spirit, Lord. I want to hear from You as I read Your Word.

Amen.

## Scripture.

Acts 8:1-25

## Engage.

We read the Bible not to simply gain knowledge. When we read the Bible, we seek to engage with God. With this in mind, look back at the prayer and take a moment to invite God into your thoughts, recognizing He's there with you.

If you're engaging with God and His Word on your own, read through the selected passage above and summarize it on paper. If you're engaging with God with others, verbally summarize the passage. Read it gain and then thoughtfully go through the following questions.

- What did you like about this passage?
- Did anything concern you? Why?
- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about people?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a command to obey or action to take?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- If this is truly God's Word, how will I respond this week?
- With whom should you share this truth?