

UNSTOPPABLE STUDY GUIDE.

Message.

Returning to the Book of Acts for Part II of our Unstoppable series, we are reminded of our aim: to learn how the early church lived out the Great Commission and to align our hearts to the earliest, purest pursuit we have record of proclaiming the Gospel and making disciples. We see the early church living out Jesus' greatest commandment: to love God and one another. Through this obedience to Christ's Word, the Church grew tremendously. The Church was proving to be unstoppable.

The motives and hearts behind these acts of kindness and generosity were pure, Holy Spirit driven. We must seek the Holy Spirit and the obedience of Christ to remain pure in our motives towards one another and those outside the Church. God values purity within our hearts and in His Church. He exposes what is done in darkness. We can fool humans, but we can't fool God. He knows our hearts.

Generosity is our lifestyle when we are in unity. Generosity in an unstoppable, unified Church has no strings attached. *An unstoppable church is generous because they are unified in heart and purpose.* #bccBIGidea

Prayer.

Father,

You have made the heaven and the earth. You have provided all things that sustain life, that make this life enjoyable. You are perfectly generous to Your children. Guide my thoughts and my heart as I seek to learn more about who You are.

Amen.

Scripture.

Acts 4:32—5:11

Self-Reflection.

To begin, use the following questions to really process this passage. Record your answers in a journal or talk about them with a friend or group.

- 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?

Now let's focus on something Pastor Derik mentioned. Referencing the message's big idea and the early church living out the greatest commandment, he said when other's needs are prioritized above your own, you are looking for opportunities to be generous.

- Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?
- How do we get ourselves to the point of prioritizing other's needs above our own?
- What might caution you to live in this way?

Consider how God has been generous towards you.

All of Scripture begins, "In the beginning, God created..." (Genesis 1:1). God's generosity is all around us! He created this planet that is specifically designed to sustain our lives, providing for our needs and pleasure. God supplies us with color, light, sound, air, the ability to taste, hear, touch, and be satisfied.

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15)

- What does God's generosity towards you do to your heart?
- How does the awareness of His great generosity make you want to respond?