

UNSTOPPABLE: Courage

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. What`s one of your greatest accomplishments? What is it about this accomplishment that was so special to you?

WORD

Let us continue our series *Unstoppable*, we will look at an event that happened to the disciples, Peter and John. On how they bear witnessed of the gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit. Despite challenges surrounding them, how did they showed unstoppable courage. What was the result when they had unstoppable courage and how were they able to have unstoppable courage.

Courage is the ability to confront fear, pain, danger, uncertainty or intimidation despite feeling afraid. It involves taking action and showing mental or moral strength in the face of adversity. Courage is about persisting and standing firm in challenging situations, even when it is difficult or frightening. Courage is not the absence of fear.

Acts 4:1-4

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

The disciples were so afraid following the crucifixion of Jesus thinking they too would be crucified and killed if they were caught by the Jewish leaders during that time.

DISCUSSION

Have you experienced being afraid in the midst of your challenges? How did you handle the fear?

WORD

HOW TO OBTAIN UNSTOPPABLE COURAGE?

1. Be filled with the Holy Spirit

Acts 4:8

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people,

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, allowing him to have unstoppable courage to speak to the Sanhedrin.

2. Jesus the Cornerstone

Acts 4:11

Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone"

Jesus is our foundation, the Rock on which we stand. If we have Jesus Christ as our firm foundation, who is our cornerstone, we will obtain this unstoppable courage that we have been talking about.

3. Pray for courage (continuously)

Acts 4:29-31

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

The disciples prayed for continuous courage! Not just one time but continuous courage!

DISCUSSION

What action/s will you take this week to overcome your fear of any sorts (this can be related to sharing the gospel or any life situation you are in) to become effective follower of Christ?

LIFE APPLICATION

Having unstoppable courage will help us share the good news. Also, will help us overcome our challenges and will obtain the victory that Christ has triumph over us on the cross. True courage is defined through our challenges, without challenges, we won't be able to experience what this means. Jesus is our Rock, we can stand no matter what storm we are in or we will have. We trust His words and His promises for there is power in His Name.

Last saturday, there were 14 participants who joined Evangelism Training and went out courageously to Sunridge Mall. They went out 2 by 2 (just like Jesus did when he sent out his disciples 2 by 2) and talked to people, engage and did S.A.L.T. (*Start a conversation, Asked questions, Listen to their story and Tell the message*)

They talked to 38 people that they don't know and prayed to 17 people out of that 38 in the name of Jesus.

Majority of the 14 participants had expressed fear of talking to strangers but they came back with joy and wanted to do more afterwards. In fact, some of them stated "Lets do this more often, Lets go out and share the gospel with the lost people."

DISCUSSION

What is your take away on this week message?

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.

