

UNSTOPPABLE : Understanding the Scriptures

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. Do you like to read books?
2. What type of books do you enjoy reading?

WORD

Acts 16:1-10 ESV

1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. 4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily. 6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. 7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. 8 So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

We are learning a lot as we continue our series "UNSTOPPABLE" in the book of Acts.

Acts 16 records part of Paul's second journey. Paul, accompanied by Timothy, begins to revisit some of the cities and newly formed churches from his first missionary journey in Verse 1-3. As they visit the churches,

Acts informs us that the believers are strengthened in the faith and that the churches continued to grow daily (vv. 4–5) During his trip, Paul’s path is determined through divine direction. He remains in Galatia because he had “been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia” (v. 6) Next, “they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to” (v. 7) . While spending the night in Troas, Paul had a vision of a man from Macedonia begging him to come and help them (v. 9) Paul concluded that God had called him and his fellow missionaries to preach the gospel to the people of Macedonia (v. 10)

Many followers are seeking God’s direction for their lives. “How do we determine God’s word for our life?” is a key question should many believers to ponder.

“The most important decision we face is the daily decision to live for Christ and die to self.” Author Kevin DeYoung.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

This shows us that the Bible is not “breathed upon” by God, but “breathed out.” God’s Word is God’s breath to us, bringing us life, making us more like Christ. The Greek word for “God-breathed” or as some translations say, “breathed out” is “theopneustos,” which means “inspired by God” or literally the very “breathe of God.”

Job 33:4 (ESV)

“The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

Since the Spirit of God lives inside of us as believers, anyone of us who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ has ongoing direct access to the breath of life that will help them live abundantly.

DISCUSSION

What do you struggle the most in reading the Bible? How would you overcome it?

WORD

UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES...

1. Gives us Life and Strengthen our faith.

Acts 6:5

5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

2. Gives us guidance.

Acts 6:8

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3. Teaches us to hear from God.

Acts 6:9

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DISCUSSION

Briefly describe some ways God has guided you in determining his will for you through the Scriptures.

LIFE APPLICATION

Let us believe that God is leading and directing us, even if we mess up, there is more than enough grace to restart. The scriptures are a reflection of God's unchanging will for us.

Understanding the scriptures is key to our foundation and gives us unshakeable trust to God as we learned in the life of Paul and Barnabas.

Let us be firm as we understand the Scriptures so that we will not be swayed by heresies and misinformation we hear from the Social Media, Google, Chat GPT and all.

As we know the Scriptures, we will experience unwavering faith towards God, His will and way for our lives . We will grow in wisdom as we devote our time in reading the Scriptures.

The scripture have been given to us by God and serves as our perfect guideline to help us as individual believers and as a community to grow.

DISCUSSION

What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

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PRAYER

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



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