UNSTOPPABLE

A Study of God's Power Through the Book of Acts

Session 3: Unstoppable Love ACTS 2:41-47

The unstoppable mission was to share the unstoppable message, the unstoppable message was fueled by an unstoppable love.

Unstoppable Love—

- meets spiritual needs (vv.41-42)
- meets physical needs (vv.43-45)
- creates opportunities to share the gospel (vv.46-47).

Question #1: What aspects of church life have been especially meaningful to you?

The Elements

- Apostles Teaching
- Fellowship
- Breaking of Bread
- Prayer

Healthy community flows out of a unified cause.

Question #2: What could happen if the church today practiced this kind of love?

The Principle

People won't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Caring for people is an incredible way to open a conversation about Jesus Christ.

A healthy church is intentional in its efforts to build loving, caring relationships within families, between members and within the community they serve.

Our focus determines whether we have a survival mentality or a service mentality. John 13:34-35, "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

 The church was unified in love that it multiplied.

Their Christian faith was a day-to-day reality not a once-a-week routine. As we love in the church it will draw us closer and others into the church.

- What we often fail to recognize is that joy-filled love for the church is also a key to outreach.
- When people become critics of the church and slander the bride of Jesus why should we expect lost people to be drawn to the Lord of the church?

When people see the church (our church) what do they see?

Do they see Christ like love? Do they see petty bickering, jealously, and division in the church?

Love is an attitude that reveals itself in action. The church is called to love as Jesus loved.

Love in Action

- We help when it's not convenient.
- We give when it hurts.
- We devote energy to others welfare rather than our own.
- We absorb hurts from others without complaining or fighting back.

- Behind their loving acts they had to give voice to the message.
- The Lord added to their numbers. This happened because someone who knew Jesus told someone who didn't know Jesus how to know Jesus.

The opportunity to share Christ is built on the foundation of friendship

Question #3 (Application): Loving others involves praying, caring, and sharing. In which area would you like to grow?

Final Thought

When we pray God helps us to care for others. When we care he leads us to share about his son Jesus. And the more we share the gospel the more we are reminded to pray for those who need it.