



UNSTOPPABLE CHURCH

Unstoppable Church Part 2–Unconventional
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

Unconventional = not conforming to what has generally been done or believed (outside the box)

“More Iranians have become Christians in the last 20 years than in the previous 13 Centuries, since Islam came to Iran”

Mark Howard – Elam Ministries

[Acts 8:2-4, NLT]

A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were

scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.) But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison. But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.

1. Unconventional Gatherings

[Acts 2:42, NLT]

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

2. Unconventional Generosity

[Acts 4:32-34, NLT]

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

Generosity is God in motion.

3. Unconventional Faith

[Acts 11:19 & 21]

Meanwhile, the believers who had been scattered during the persecution after Stephen's death traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch of Syria. They preached the word of God...The

power of the Lord was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

Faith doesn't draw back; it steps up!

FOR MONDAY—

1. Punctuate your week with praise: Worship Focus, Pursuit Live, Daily Devotionals, YouTube/Vimeo worship videos.
2. Use technology to connect with people: digital small groups, FaceTime a friend, Social Media encouragement, etc.
3. Reach out to a neighbor and offer assistance and prayer.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. How are you doing: physically, emotionally, and spiritually? Are there any resources you need help getting?
2. What are some adjustments you have had to make in your schedule or lifestyle recently?
3. How have you embraced unconventional gatherings to continue relational connections? Who have you reached out to that you haven't in a while? Or, wouldn't normally?
4. Just as Pastor Dave talked about things TFH will never stop doing, what are some "non-negotiables" for you or your family?
5. How can you be a conduit to give to some people in need?
6. How is God building your faith in this season of life?
7. What do you think the unstoppable church will have gained after all the "dust settles?" What do you think it will look like?