

# UNSHAKEABLE



LOVING JESUS BECOMING LIKE JESUS & SHARING JESUS TO BECOME

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## BECOMING UNSHAKEABLE IN COMMUNITY

Our unshakeable faith is built in Christ as we are engaged in scripture and following Jesus together in community.

Gather with others and use the provided "Talk-It-Over" to build an Unshakeable faith.

TALK-IT-OVER IS PROVIDED ON THE NEXT SIX PAGES

Pick-up your teaching notes every Sunday and place in this Unshakeable Guide



# UNSHAKEABLE Mission





#### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

ACTS 1:8

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." ACTS 2:37-39

#### **DISCUSSION AND PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Read the scripture passage and discuss the following questions as a group. Journaling your insights will help you deepen and personalize your learning.

- 1. According to the verses above what must happen before someone receives the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Who is the Holy Spirit available to?
- 3. What happens after someone receives the Holy Spirit? What does God want to do in them? How does that apply to you?
- 4. What is your relationship with Holy Spirit? In what ways has the Holy Spirit "powered" your faith?
- 5. Based on Westside's weekend message and these scriptures, what do you think God is calling Westside to do through Unshakeable? What is our Unshakeable Mission? What might this look like for our church?

#### PRAYER

Pray for God to give you clarity in the coming weeks on what He is calling you to do for Unshakeable. Pray for Westside as God continues to give us passion and resources to fulfill His Unshakeable Mission for us.













#### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:42-47

#### **DISCUSSION AND PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Read the scripture passage and discuss the following questions as a group. Journaling your insights will help you deepen and personalize your learning.

- 1. The verses above described the early church as it rapidly multiplied in the second chapter of Acts. How do you see generosity in this budding community?
- 2. The way these early Christ-followers loved one another created a flywheel of growth. Why do you think outsiders wanted to participate in that community?
- 3. What about this community is compelling to you? How do you see these characteristics reflected at Westside?
- 4. How do you think we as a church could better model this kind of unshakeable generosity and love?
- 5. At this point, what does that look like for you personally? How is God calling you to contribute?

#### PRAYER

Pray for God to continue to grow you in your discipleship journey in the area of generosity. Ask God to continue to bind Westside together as a loving community that is following Him on a mission in the world.









#### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

"...then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed... Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.... ACTS 4:10-13

But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."...

ACTS 4:19-20

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness...

ACTS 4:29

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.

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had... there were no needy persons among them. ACTS 4:31, 33-34

#### **DISCUSSION AND PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Read the scripture passage and discuss the following questions as a group. Journaling your insights will help you deepen and personalize your learning.

- 1. What inspired the early church's unshakeable boldness? What was the source? What empowered them?
- 2. Peter and John did not have the typical credentials of church leaders. How is that inspiring to you? What qualified them?
- 3. Why do you think this boldness inspired such generosity within the church? How could we be bolder with these early Christ followers in mind?
- 4. In what ways does this inspire you to be generous today?

#### PRAYER

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#### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

Saul (aka Paul) was an enemy of the early church and persecuted early Christians. He had a remarkable turn-a-round and became one of our faith's greatest champions.

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem...

ACTS 9:1-2

...Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name?..."

ACTS 9:19-21

...Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. ACTS 9:27-28

#### **DISCUSSION AND PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Read the scripture passage and discuss the following questions as a group. Journaling your insights will help you deepen and personalize your learning.

- 1. After encountering Jesus, Saul (Paul) realizes he is on the wrong side of the battle. In your own words, how would you describe this dramatic change?
- 2. To become a disciple of Jesus, what did Saul need to surrender?
- 3. What was the result of his surrender? How did God use Him? In what ways was Paul unshakeable?
- 4. To grow in maturity, God calls us to surrender to His authority. God reveals things both big and small to surrender as we grow in our relationship with Him. What are some things God has specifically asked you to let go of? What was the result?
- 5. Unshakeable is your opportunity to grow in faith and purpose and redevote your life to God's loving, eternal, and unshakeable kingdom. How does Paul's journey with Jesus inspire you to participate in what God is doing at Westside? What is God calling you to surrender?

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#### PRAYER

Pray that God would reveal any unsurrendered areas in your heart. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you the courage to give those back to him.



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#### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

At Lydda: Aeneas is healed and "All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord." ACTS 9:35

At Joppa: Tabitha is raised and "many people believed in the Lord." ACTS 9:42

At Caesarea: Peter meets with a Roman centurion and sees the Holy Spirit at work. "I now realize how true it is that God does not sow favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."

ACTS 10:34-35

At Antioch: Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

ACTS 11:19-21

At Antioch: Knowing that a famine was coming to the Roman world. "The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul." ACTS 11:29-30

#### **DISCUSSION AND PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Read the scripture passage and discuss the following questions as a group. Journaling your insights will help you deepen and personalize your learning.

- 1. How did God use these Christ-followers to meet people at their point of pain in each of the above stories? What were the results?
- 2. When has God used someone to meet you at your point of pain?
- 3. How is God using Westside to meet people at their pain points? How do we expand that care? How do we "scale love"?
- 4. Why is it important to keep the gospel at the center of our care for others?
- 5. As you pray about meeting people at their point of pain, how is God challenging you to grow as a disciple of Jesus?

#### PRAYER

Pray that God would give you eyes to see people in their hurt and a heart to meet them at their point of pain. Pray that God will continue to grow our vision to scale the love of Jesus into the world around us.

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Talk-It-Over: Week 5











With gratitude, pray together for what God has done and for what He is doing through our all-church Commitment Weekend for Unshakeable. Pray for anyone who has yet to make their commitment and pray for God to strengthen us as a church and as individuals over these next two years.

#### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

"Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again...." ACTS 2:17-25

"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

ACTS 2:32-35

#### **DISCUSSION AND PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Read the scripture passage and discuss the following questions as a group. Journaling your insights will help you deepen and personalize your learning.

- 1. What is Paul reminding the elders about as he prepares to leave them for the last time?
- 2. Paul's last statement about generosity is one of the more memorable statements Paul ever gave – "It is more blessed to give than to receive." What is the significance of this being the very last thing he says? What do you think he was trying to impress on them as he departed?

- 3. During this series, what are some things you have learned about generosity and how it is connected to your spiritual growth? How has this experience challenged and changed you?
- 4. Many of us have prayerfully made our Unshakeable commitments. As you think about the next two years of living out this commitment, how can we encourage one another to stay the course?

#### PRAYER

Thank God for all He has done through this Unshakeable initiative. Pray for perseverance and continued growth in generosity over these next two years of our Unshakeable journey together.

### We will make our prayerful

### **UNSHAKEABLE** commitments on:

Advance Commitment Night Friday, November 4



#### **Celebration Sunday**

Sunday, December 4

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