

UNSHAKEABLE



I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. PSALM 16:8 (NIV)

 ⁵Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.
⁶Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken PSALM 62:5-6 (NIV) Our world is being shaken. Maybe your life has been shaken. In this season, Westside has turned to God in prayer and fasting to seek His direction and God has graciously answered our prayers. He has refocused our hearts and refreshed our vision.

Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken." ISAIAH 28:16 (NLT)

Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.

HEBREWS 12:28 (NLT)

Only the Kingdom of God remains Unshakeable. It alone is eternal and secure. The church is central to the Kingdom of God—we are God's kingdom family, unconditionally loved.

God is calling Westside into a discipleship journey where each of us will be challenged to build a faith that cannot be shaken. We will be challenged to invest our lives into what will outlast our lifetime—the Kingdom of God. God will lead us to make His kingdom the priority of all that we are and all that we have. Together, we will build an Unshakeable Faith on Jesus that will glorify God, bless our families, and transform the lives of many in our city and beyond

This journey starts within you. It begins with your will to grow closer to God and taking an authentic step of faith. As we establish our lives on the Unshakeable truth of Jesus Christ, we will become Unshakeable in our faith. As we become Unshakeable together, we will release God's Unshakeable love and see God work through us in unimaginable ways.

This is your invitation to become Unshakeable.

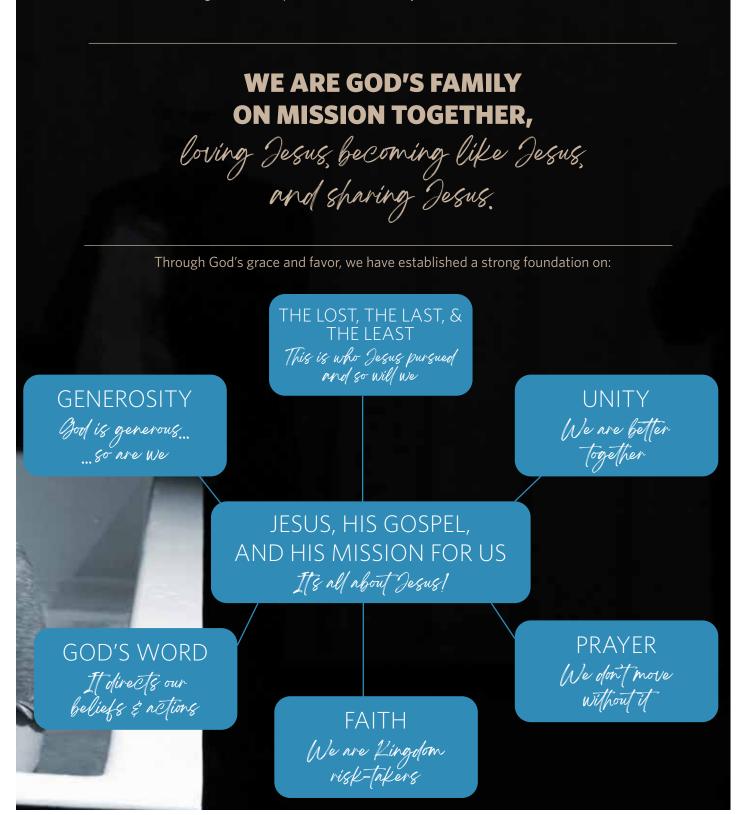
Your Westside Leadership Team

OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

Building on a Solid Foundation

Our local church has a rich history. God's favor has been on us and we give Him all the glory for what He has done in us and through us.

While our local church was established in 2016, our rich history reaches back to the faith of our parent church, Westside Family Church in Lenexa, KS. Following God's call, they stepped out in faith and took a kingdom risk to plant Westside Family Church Leavenworth.



With our foundations fortified, we launch out on a prayerful journey to seek God's direction for this next season Together.



WE BELIEVE GOD IS CALLING US TO GROW IN

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OUR PREMARY GOAL Unshakeable Faith

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Every Westsider, from young to old, is invited to engage and grow in their love, faith, and devotion to Jesus Christ. Each of us will be challenged to grow in our relationship with God by finding love and refreshment in Christ through a step of faith.

At the core, Unshakeable is a discipleship initiative. As each of us grows closer to Jesus, we will become more Christlike and be transformed into a more fruitful church-family.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." -JESUS IN JOHN 15:5 (NIV)

What is Unshakeable Faith?

Our goal is that every Westsider fully engages in the Unshakeable Discipleship Initiative to grow in faith and generosity. This experience will challenge each of us to place Jesus first in every part of our lives.

FAITH

Our prayer is for every one of us to discover a fresh connection with God that invigorates our faith. We want to grow as kingdom risktakers to lean into God's loving leadership in every aspect of our lives.

GENEROSITY

By growing in our trust and obedience, we'll mature to invest in eternal things at new levels of generosity. We'll grow together by placing all we are and all we have under God's leadership. God is generous, so are we.

GOSPEL IMPACT

As every Westsider submits to God's unshakeable direction for our lives, our faith will culminate in an unshakeable force to powerfully advance the gospel of Jesus Christ.

ETERNAL LEGACY

The outpouring of our loving impact and unshakeable purpose will leave a legacy that will last forever in Christ.

OUR SECONDARY GOAL de ove leak

INVESTING \$2.5 MILLION

\$2.5M over 2 years to advance Jesus' kingdom = \$1.7M to support current ministries + \$800K advancements

Our faith-driven outpouring of generosity will empower us to love and care for families and shine the light of God's love in our city and world. Our generosity will support all our current ministries, including investments in our kids and students, and expand our kingdom impact

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

—JESUS IN LUKE 6:38 (NIV)

HOW WILL WE RELEASE





LAUNCH A FAMILY CARE CENTER

We will provide gospel-centered care that raises up emotionally, relationally, and spiritually healthy families equipped and empowered to follow Jesus.

Comprehensive care will include:

- Professional counseling & support groups
- Proactive marriage & family equipping & support
- Support for kids' & students' health
- Benevolence support & Stephen's Ministry Prayer



FACILITY & PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

We will upgrade our current KiDS and Students environments to create more engaging environments. We will construct a common gathering space in which our church family can build relationships. We will update the front of our building, improve our parking, and create better flow into our ministry spaces. We will also upgrade our Community Room environment to make it more conducive for our weekend services.

MOBILIZE WESTSIDERS INTO COMMUNITY AND MISSION

We will equip & empower every Westsider into loving community, transformational growth, and meaningful service to BLESS the lost, the last, and the least. We will equip Westsiders to engage in A2 Communities who are devoted to love one another because they are devoted to loving Jesus and being on His mission.

PLANT CHURCHES

We will increase our financial support to church planting locally and globally. We will financially support an area church plant. We will increase our support for our church planting partners in Uganda and South Africa.

Jesus Example

Westside is fully committed to teaching God's word, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, and sharing Christ's healing ministry to hurting individuals and families.

The common illnesses in Jesus' day were blindness, leprosy, lameness, and demon possession. Today's preeminent illnesses are emotional, mental, relational, and spiritual. Anxiety and depression are on the rise. Relationships are breaking down, divorce is steadily rising, and many are not building healthy relationships. Jesus demonstrated his unique approach to ministry: to meet people's spiritual and practical needs by meeting them at their point of pain.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. MATTHEW 4:23-24 (NIV)

Addictions are wrecking families as adults and teenagers are within its grips. Abuse & trauma have shaken many people and has broken many families.

By launching a Family Care Center, improving our facilities, and planting churches, Holy Spirit empowered Westsiders will mobilize to wrap God's family around hurting families with gospel-centered love and care. Westsiders will be able to offer emotional, relational, and spiritual wholeness. And, just as in Jesus' day, news about God's healing love will spread and others will be drawn to Jesus.



Jesus also announced that He would build His church and He made a bold claim that death couldn't stop His church from accomplishing His will.

On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. MATTHEW 16:18 (NIV)

Jesus then sent His disciples out and taught them how the church join in God's work by being on Jesus' mission to BLESS.





and how can I join You there?"

Who is inviting you to listen to their story?

 $\mathcal{F}(v 7)$ Jesus did much of His ministry around meals.

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Tell them about the good news of what Jesus has done for you and what Jesus can do for them.

Why Unshakeable? Why Now?

Our world is being shaken, and scripture teaches us what is shaken will not last. But the *Unshakeable* things of God last forever. We have been made part of God's *Unshakeable* kingdom through Jesus Christ and are now integral to God's redemptive plan for everything that lasts forever.

Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also. This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakeable things will remain.

Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakeable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire.

HEBREWS 12:26-28 (NLT)

Unshakeable is our commitment to grow in faith and purpose as we devote our lives to God's loving, life-giving, eternal, and unshakeable kingdom.

Unshakeable is our response to our lost and shaken world. It is how we are answering God's call to wrap His family around the broken and hurting. It is how we are committing to empowering families and building the faith of the next generation. Unshakeable is your opportunity join us in building an Unshakeable Faith by obeying the Holy Spirit in your next step of generosity. Unshakeable is our opportunity to release God's Unshakeable love as each of us take this next step together.

Will you join us?



Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken. PSALM 55:22 (NIV)

HOW CAN I ENGAGE TO BE

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PRAY

Ask God to deepen your connection with Him. Ask for the Holy Spirit's direction. Ask that you become more like Jesus. Pray for God to stretch your faith, and the faith of our churchfamily. You can place this binder in a visible location to remind you to pray.

LISTEN

Make space to hear God's will for you. Set aside some quiet time to listen for where God is working and how God is calling you to join Him and engage in Unshakeable.

OBEY

As God leads you, challenges you and provides direction, respond eagerly and step out in faith. God's best for you is always on the other side of your obedience.

GIVE

Respond with Christ-like generously and give cheerfully. Your generosity makes an eternal impact on the kingdom of God. Completing and returning your Commitment Card will help us be able to plan our ministry resources to steward them to advance His kingdom.

CELEBRATE JOYFULLY

Join us as we give God all the glory and celebrate what He accomplishes through all of us, together.

TWO YEAR GIFT CHART

As you pray to discern God's guidance, use this gift chart as a tool to stretch your faith and generosity. Allow this chart to inspire and challenge you as you engage with God on what unshakeable faith and generosity looks like for you.

Gifts Needed	Two-Year Gift Level	Annual Gift	Monthly Gift	Gift Level Total
1	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$8,333	\$200,000
2	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$200,000
3	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$225,000
4	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$260,000
5	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$250,000
7	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$245,000
10	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$250,000
15	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$225,000
18	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$180,000
25	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$187,500
30	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$150,000
Many	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$127,500
TOTAL GIFT GOAL \$2,500,000				



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WATER BOTTLES



WEEKLY STICKERS



Our families will grow in faith and love on our Unshakeable journey. Our Family Ministry Team has created age-appropriate lessons and engaging resources for each Sunday gathering.

Kids will receive an Unshakeable water bottle and are encouraged to attend each Sunday to collect that week's lesson sticker.



PARENT GUIDE

Check out the Parent's Guide for fun weekly devotions and activities to do at home.

KiDS COMMITMENT CARD



IMPORTANT DATES NOV 13: KiDS Commitment Sunday



Unshakeable is a journey for the whole family to grow in faith and love. Our Student Team has created Wednesday night & Sunday morning experiences with age-appropriate topics and engaging resources.

Students will receive an Unshakeable water bottle and are encouraged to attend each service to collect the lesson sticker.

STUDENT

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COMMITMENT

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High School Services Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00PM

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Middle School Services Sundays | 9:30-10:30AM

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NOV 4: Advance Commitment Night **NOV 17:** Commitment Night (HS) **NOV 20:** Commitment Sunday (MS) 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



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Instructions for the Unshakeable Guide:

- 1. Bring this with you each Sunday.
- 2. Bring it with you when you are in your group. Talk-it-Over notes are in the back of the guide for each Sunday.
- 3. Place each week's notes in your binder.
- 4. Use the Commitment Card as a tool to pray.

¹ The Lord said to Moses, ² "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give.

Exodus 25:1-2 (NIV)

² They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. ³ For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. 2 Corinthians 8:2-3 (NIV)

Our primary goal is for 100% of us to obey the Holy Spirit to build an unshakeable faith.

God is on an unshakeable mission to establish His unshakeable kingdom.

²⁶ When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also." ²⁷ This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakeable things will remain. Hebrews 12:26-27 (NLT)

- God uses times of <u>shaking</u> to anchor our faith in Him.
- The more our faith (our trust and our reliance) is in Christ, the more <u>unshakeable</u> our faith will be.

Matthew 16:16-18

Jesus started His unshakeable Church to accomplish His unshakeable mission to establish His unshakeable kingdom.

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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 1:1-8 (NIV)

The mission of the Church is to be a <u>witness</u> to the power of the gospel until Christ returns.

What God did in the 1st Century, He is still doing today. Will I be a part of what God is doing?

³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter replied, "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.



³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. Acts 2:36-41 (NIV)

Repent. Receive. Obey.

Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. Hebrews 12:28 (NLT)

SERIES BIG IDEA:

In Christ, we are unshakeable!

We are receiving God's Kingdom that gives us an unshakeable faith so we can release an unshakeable love.



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WAYS TO GIVE:

Westside Leavenworth App (*in your app store*) westsideleavenworth.com/**give** text "WestsideLV" to (833) 254-5174



TEACHING SUMMARY:

God is calling our church family to step out in obedience to Him so He can build an *unshakeable* faith in us. Only through obedience does faith grow and we become *unshakeable*.

God's Church is an unshakeable force who is empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a witness to the gospel in our neighborhoods, cities, county, state, and beyond. What God did in the 1st Century Church, He wants to do through us. The question is, will we step out in faith? Only by stepping out in faith, will God use each and every one of us to establish His kingdom so the whole earth is filled with the knowledge of Him.

We step out in faith by doing what the 1st Century Church did. We repent of not following Jesus as Lord; we receive His forgiveness and our place in God's family; we walk in obedience to Jesus as Lord. This is how we, the church, will please God.

When we walk in faith, we learn that, "In Christ, we are *unshakeable*!"

TALK-IT-OVER:

You will find the questions to discuss with others in the *Unshakeable Guide*.

You can access the *Unshakeable Guide* and more at http://unshakeable.faith

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

Day 1) Luke 10:21; Luke 4:1 Day 2) John 14:15-17 Day 3) Romans 15:12-13; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Day 4) Ephesians: 1:13-14; Ephesians 4:29-31 Day 5) 2 Timothy 1:13-14 Day 6) Titus 3:4-6



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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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

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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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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