GROWTH GUIDE

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UNSTOPPABLE: THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN | ACTS 17:1-15 FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

SERMON OUTLINE

- 1. Examining the Scriptures. Acts 17:1-2,10-11
- 2. Looking to Jesus. Acts 7:3,11
- 3. Responding in Belief. Acts 17:4,12
- 4. Standing through opposition. Acts 17:5-9,13-15

GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- 2. Practically, how do we compare all the different ideas we hear against Scripture? What are some examples of sources of information or guidance we need to be especially careful to compare against the truth of Scripture?
- 3. The very center of all the Bible is the person of Jesus Christ. How does the OT narratives, prophets, wisdom literature, etc. Point to Christ? How do we see Jesus at the focal point of the New Testament letters especially Revelation?
- 4. Review the seven "I am" statements from the book of John found in John 6:35,8:12,10:7,10:11,11:25,14:6,15:1. What do these "I am" statements teach us about Christ? What does it mean to respond to these statements in belief? In other words, give examples of how knowing these things about Christ should affect how we think/desire/act.
- 5. What practical things can we be doing now to prepare ourselves for opposition when it comes? Are the things we can do to help us actually go through opposition when it comes in a way that pleases Christ any different from those things we're doing now to prepare? If so, how?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

- 1. How are you doing at making time to both read and study God's word? If that spiritual discipline isn't where you'd want it to be, what's your goal for the week that you'd like the group to hold you accountable to?
- 2. What is an area in life do you think you're doing well at being a doer of the word? What area(s) in your life do you think you're more of a doer of the word than a hearer? What is preventing you from being a doer in one or more of those areas?

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Praise God for the gift of His word, which has everything we need for a life of godliness.
- 2. Pray that we at City on a Hill wouldn't simply hear the word but would respond in faith and be doers of the word.
- 3. Ask God to prepare us for opposition and for perseverance to endure it when it inevitably comes.