

# GROWTH GUIDE

*For you. Your family. Your group.*

**UNSTOPPABLE: THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
OBEDIENCE IS OFTEN DIFFICULT | ACTS 21-22  
FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022**

## SERMON OUTLINE

1. Confidence in God's leading through His Spirit. Acts 20:22-23
2. Willingness to wade through the confusion. Acts 21:1-16
3. Submission to God's plan even through conflict. Acts 22:17-36
4. Eagerness through everything to point to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Acts 21:37-22:21

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Review the passage: Why did Paul go to Jerusalem knowing the imprisonment and afflictions that awaited him? How can we be encouraged by his example? Many times obedience doesn't lead to ease but to greater difficulty. Why then should we obey?
2. 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?
3. Besides sharing Scripture, how might we point others to whatever God's calling might be on their life? How might we point people to other things like ease without realizing it?
4. Paul gave his testimony of Jesus's working in his life in Acts 22. What can we glean about effective testimony sharing from Paul's example? What should a good testimony contain? Does the content depend on the audience? If so, in what ways?
5. How do we discern the Spirit? Or put another way, there are many big decisions in life like where to work, where to live, who to marry, etc. that God doesn't specifically tell us the answer. How do we make those decisions, what things should we think through and what should that process look like?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Have you been regularly praying risky prayers for yourself and other people in your life? What's one risky prayer you've been praying for? If you can't think of anything, what's one risky thing you can begin praying tonight?
2. What's one thing you can do this week to practice and grow in choosing obedience over ease?

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God for leading us through His Spirit.
2. Pray that God would give us a heart that desires to obey Him more than we desire ease or comfort or anything else of this world.
3. Ask God to lead us as a church to where you want us to be and doing what you want us to do.