

UNSTOPPABLE Week #2

Unstoppable News

How to Share Hope in a Culture of Skepticism

Main Objective:

To help us share our faith without being scared and remember that we are dealing with **people, not projects**. We want to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our conversations and be bold enough to follow His prompts for the sake of the lost.

Keep In Mind:

The goal is **NOT** to get through all the questions, but to have a meaningful discussion. Read through the questions ahead of time and choose the ones that will spark the most conversation with your group.

ICE BREAKERS

- Have you ever had a conversation about faith with someone who was skeptical, unsure, or even opposed to Christianity? **What made that conversation easy—or difficult—for you?**
- **What is one thing that makes you anxious or uncomfortable about sharing your faith in Jesus?**

READ ACTS 17:16–21

- Verse 16 says Paul was deeply distressed by what he saw. **Why do you think he had such a strong reaction?**
- **What are some things in our culture that cause your heart to break for people who are living far from God?**
- The sermon notes say, **“We are dealing with people, not projects.”** Why is that an important distinction when we share our faith?

READ ACTS 17:22–28

SAY THIS:

Paul begins his conversation by acknowledging something familiar to the Athenians—their altar to an “unknown god.” He starts where they are and uses language and ideas they understand.

- **Why do you think it is important to understand someone’s worldview, experiences, questions, and struggles before trying to explain what we believe?**
- **What are some “bridges” in everyday conversations that could open the door to talking about Jesus?**

READ ACTS 17:29–31

- Paul eventually moves from connecting with the Athenians to clearly communicating the truth about God, repentance, judgment, and Jesus. **Why is it important that we eventually get to Jesus rather than simply having conversations about spiritual things?**
- **What sometimes keeps us from moving a conversation from “spiritual” to specifically talking about Jesus?**

READ ACTS 17:32–34

SAY THIS:

The people respond in different ways. Some mock Paul. Some want to hear more. Others believe.

- **How do these different responses help prepare us when we share our faith?**
- **Why do you think we sometimes feel responsible for someone's response to the Gospel?**
- **How does knowing that we cannot control someone's response change the way you might approach a faith conversation?**

TAKE A STEP

- **Who is one person in your life who may be searching for hope, meaning, or truth?**
- **What is one simple step you could take this week to move toward that person and look for an opportunity to have a meaningful conversation?**

PRAY THIS

Father, help us be aware, ready, and available to share the love of Jesus this week. Give us Your heart for people who are far from You. Help us listen to the Holy Spirit and be bold enough to follow His prompts. Give us wisdom to know when to speak, courage to speak clearly about Jesus, and compassion to love people rather than treat them like projects. Help us trust You with the response. Amen.