

BIG IDEA QUESTIONS Unstoppable

What kind of images does the word “unstoppable” bring to your mind?

Honestly now (not that we would ever be anything but honest), does the work of Jesus in your life, our church, this community resemble an unstoppable force? Share examples.

We were reminded of times in history when the church was indeed an unstoppable force.

What do you think your experience would have been if you had been part of the early church or the 20th century church in China? Do you think you would have jumped into the middle of the work of Jesus or slipped away intimidated by the danger?

As you heard, Jesus states His clear intention to build the church in Matthew 16:18. What observations can you make locally, nationally, or globally about how He is doing?

Take time to read over John 15:1-11. Do it in a couple of various translations.

- Give everyone a chance to share a key word that jumps out at them.

- Then allow for a time of prayerful meditation and see what the Spirit speaks regarding why the progress of the church may be impeded.

- Obviously the church is only as strong as we who make it up. So how can we move toward personal transformation to insure that Jesus is able to build the church in and through us?

Close with a time in intercession for each other as requests should be obvious after the last question.