



Bridge Church Home Groups Questions

Series: Unstoppable Part 2 – A Study in Acts

Message: The Best Days of Your Life

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Read Acts 11:19-30 & Acts 12:25-13:3 then use the following questions to kick-start your discussion:

1. In Antioch, believers were called "Christians" (aka Christ-lings or Jesus-fanboys) for the first time as a way for outsiders to categorize this new, multi-ethnic group. The name was given because the church didn't fit into existing Jewish or Gentile categories. In our current culture, how can we live so that our primary "identity marker" is our devotion to Christ, rather than our political, social, or ethnic affiliations? Why is this a powerful witness to the rest of the world?
2. Within every human being is an innate desire to be part of something larger than ourselves, and to do so as part of a community. Pastor Scott Vander Ploeg describes the Kingdom of God as a "kingdom of friends." Looking at the diverse leadership listed in Acts 13:1-3, why is having a diverse "kingdom of friends" more effective for the Gospel than a group of people who are all exactly alike?
3. Read Romans 12:4-8. In this passage Paul describes how God has created gifts to be given in the body of Christ in order to build up the church.
 - a. Why do you think God set it in order this way?
 - b. If we are not intentional, it is possible to value some gifts above others. How can the church value each gift for what it brings to the body?
4. At bridgechurch.ca/gifts is a Spiritual Gifts and Personality inventory. If you have not already, take some time (it takes roughly 10-20 minutes) to do the test. Take some time to share with one another:
 - a. What were your top 3 gifts?
 - b. Did anything surprise you?
 - c. What does it mean for you to share your gifts with the church?
5. Pray together and thank God for providing gifts to the church. Include a time where you can ask God to reveal how you can share your gifts.