

Discussion Questions for “The Unstoppable Gospel: Ministry”
Acts 1:12-26, Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of April 18th & 19th, 2026

Sermon Outline

Marks of a Genuine Encounter with Jesus:

1. Obedience to Christ’s commands (vv. 12-14).
2. Devotion to prayer (v. 14).
3. Belief that the Bible is God’s Word (vv. 15-20).
4. Commitment to the Church (vv. 21-26).
5. Witnessing to Christ’s resurrection (v. 22).

Sermon Questions

1. Why is it important to know the marks of a genuine encounter with Jesus – that is, the evidence that someone is truly saved? Come up with a list of at least 3-5 practical reasons why.
2. Do you have a friend or family member who puts *too little* stock in obedience?
 - a. What does this attitude sound like in regular, everyday conversations?
 - b. How might you positively communicate the biblical value of obedience to them?
3. How would you assess your prayer life these days?
 - a. If you add the time you spend praying *with other believers* – as in Acts 1:14 – along with the *spontaneous ways* you pray throughout the day, does that change your assessment?
 - b. What does your LIFE Group think? Is it possible you’re *too hard or too easy* on yourself?
4. If a believer’s prayer life has gone cold, what might help spark it to life again?
5. What happens when a Christian treats the Bible merely as a book and not as *God’s Word*?
6. What has helped persuade you over the years that the Bible really is *God’s Word*?
7. How can we be committed...
 - a. ...to the *global* church?
 - b. ...to the *local* church?
8. Are there any ways in which you want or need to *grow* in commitment to the Church? Share them with your LIFE Group so that they can encourage you along the way!
9. In Acts 1:22, Peter emphasizes the role of *witnessing to the resurrection* in the apostles’ ministry.
 - a. Why is the resurrection essential *content* for ministry?
 - b. And why is it essential *power* for ministry?
10. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?