

Discussion Questions for “The Unstoppable Gospel: Opportunity”

Acts 8:1-25, Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of August 8th & 9th, 2026

Sermon Outline

Jesus can turn difficulty into opportunity (vv. 1-12).

Jesus triumphs over demonic forces (vv. 7-13).

Jesus pursues the unity of His Church (vv. 14-17).

Jesus offers repentance even to those who’ve sinned gravely (vv. 18-25).

Sermon Questions

1. To get your juices flowing, try to come up with at least 2-3 situations in the Bible where the Lord turns difficulty into opportunity, as He does in Acts 8.
2. Next, share about 1-2 seasons in your life that were hard, but you saw God at work.
3. Why do you think God so consistently chooses to use difficulty to create ministry opportunity?
4. What are the difficult situations ahead of you this week, this month, this year?
 - a. How might God use these trials?
 - b. How might what we’re learning in Acts 8 help give you the strength to endure?
5. *Simony* – attempting to purchase spiritual power or status – is a sin highlighted in today’s passage through the life of Simon.
 - a. Have you seen this sin in our world today?
 - b. What other forms might *simony* take? That is, maybe we aren’t trying to *purchase* spiritual power or status, but are there other ungodly ways we might try to gain these blessings?
6. What’s the opposite of *simony*?
7. In our passage, division is prevented between Jewish Christians & Samaritan Christians. What can we do to proactively prevent division in our LIFE Groups, families, and friendships?
8. Acts 8 also sings loudly of the *grace* and *power* of Jesus. Why are you grateful for these truths in this particular week of your life?
9. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?