

2026-01-18 Discussion Questions

How does Jesus's approach to leadership—being honest about the cost of following Him rather than tempting people with promises of ease—challenge our modern understanding of evangelism and church growth?

The early church prayed for 'mega boldness' to speak God's word, and their meeting place was shaken. When was the last time you prayed with that kind of intensity for boldness in your witness, and what would change if you did?

Peter and the apostles declared 'we must obey God rather than men' even when facing severe consequences. What areas of your life are you currently obeying human expectations or cultural norms instead of God's clear commands?

The sermon suggests that 'changed people change people,' but unchanged church attendance just gives you 'religion.' What tangible changes in your behavior, speech, or priorities would your coworkers, family, or friends identify as evidence of Christ in you?

The apostles rejoiced after being flogged because Jesus had promised persecution would bring great reward in heaven. How does your response to difficulty or opposition reveal whether you're keeping score by earthly standards or eternal ones?

Gamaliel warned that human efforts will fail but God's work cannot be stopped. Looking at your current activities and priorities, how much of what consumes your time and energy is 'of human origin' versus genuinely from God?

The sermon challenges us to ask our spouse or close friend what they observe more often in our lives—evidence of God's work or evidence of self-effort. Are you willing to have that vulnerable conversation, and what do you fear they might say?

Paul knew hardship and prison awaited him in every city, yet he kept saying 'I'm still going.' What would it look like for your church or personal ministry to adopt 'I'm still going' as a motto despite difficulties?

The early believers were so filled with the Holy Spirit that even Peter's shadow healed people, demonstrating divine power that drew attention to God. What 'miracles' or unexplainable changes in your life could serve as conversation starters about Jesus if you were bold enough to point to Him?

The sermon states that we are 'invincible until God says time's up' and asks if we're living by faith or by fear. In what specific situations are you currently operating from a spirit of fear rather than trusting God's sovereignty over your life and death?