



Unstoppable LOVE

John 13:34-35 (NIV) *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

1. Unstoppable love touches people

Matthew 9: 1-8 (NIV) *Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town.*

² *Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”*

³ *At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This fellow is blaspheming!”* ⁴ *Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?*

⁵ *Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?* ⁶ *But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins....”*

Then he said to the paralytic, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” ⁷ And the man got up and went home. ⁸ When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.

2. Unstoppable love reaches out to those

Acts 10:34-35 (NIV) *Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.*

Romans 8:37-39 (NIV) *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

John 14:15 (NIV) *“If you love me, you will obey what I command.”*

LifeGroup Study

Stepping In: Getting things started!

1. What is one of the most amazing ways you've ever seen or experienced real love in action?

2. What would it look like in our valley if Christians from all churches really loved with an unstoppable love?

Building Up: What is God Saying?

1. Read **Galatians 2:11-21**
2. Pick the one verse that speaks most clearly to you today and write it out below: (share with the group which verse you chose.)

3. (**Gal. 2:11-14**) Paul was publically correcting the Apostle Peter. Why was he correcting him and why did it need to be public?

4. (**Gal. 2:15-19**) Why was it critical back then (as well as now) to remember that we are not saved or justified by our own "good works" or "law keeping"?

5. (**Gal. 2:20**) If we really died to ourselves, what might that look like? What are the practical ways I put my needs behind the needs of others as I serve Christ?

6. (**Gal. 2:21**) People wonder if Jesus' claim to be the "only way" is a little too strong. What does this verse say about that claim? Why do we need to have a very strong grasp on this truth in our culture?

Living Out – How do I obey?

1. Discuss, and make a plan for, a service project your LifeGroup can do this summer to show God's *unstoppable love* to OTHERS.