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**Study Questions**  
*The Unstoppable Church*  
**Generations in the Unstoppable Church – Part I**  
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## **Bible Study**

1. Read Acts 1:6-11. What were the “marching orders” that Jesus gave in His last words to His followers?
2. What was the subsequent promise given to those early disciples immediately after Jesus’ ascension?
3. What do this command and this promise tell us about the period of history we live in? What is God’s priority for “today” (the time period between Jesus’ first coming and His second coming)? When will Acts 1:8 cease to be the standing orders for the Church?
4. In the book, *Let the Nations Be Glad*, John Piper says the following:

*“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn’t. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.”*

In light of Piper’s explanation and the truths of Acts 1:6-11, why is “The Mission” the central focus of the Church today? (For further personal study on the heart of God for lost people read Luke 15.)

5. North Korea has recently conducted nuclear tests. Iran is developing nuclear technology. Both countries openly express hatred for America. Struggles continue in Iraq. Al Qaeda continues to plot terrorist attacks. Economists worry over economic stability in our country and the world in our current global economy. How do the issues of our world affect your perspective on the future? Do they create fear or anxiety for you? Why or why not?
6. Jesus promised that He would build His Church and the very gates of hell would not overcome it (Matthew 16:18). How does this promise affect our perspective on the future? In the midst of an uncertain world, what can we know with absolute certainty?
7. When thinking about Jesus’ marching orders and Jesus’ promises related to the building of His Church and His coming again, how should those things affect how we live our lives? How do they affect how you live your life?

## Application

1. If you were to take a large container and fill it half with water and half with oil and then you were to vigorously stir them up, what would happen after you stopped stirring? Just as oil and water do not mix, fear and faith do not mix. We cannot be living our lives as people of faith if our hearts are held hostage by fear. How does fear hinder you in your life as a disciple of Christ?
2. How can we actively endeavor to supplant fear with faith that we might live with God's perspective and accomplish His mission?
3. In what ways are you personally involved in helping advance God's mission? How are you helping the Church take the Gospel to the ends of the earth that people from every tribe and tongue will be able to join us in worshipping together forever? Discuss ways you can be personally involved?
4. How, as a LifeGroup, are you involved? Have you adopted a Lincoln Berean Mission Field and Missionary? (Please Note: If you have not and you would like to, Mission Field Booklets giving an overview of all LBC Mission Fields and Missionaries will be available at church next weekend.)