Discussion Questions for "The Unstoppable Gospel: Relief"

Acts 11:19-30, Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of October 31st & November 1st, 2026

Sermon Outline

Arrival 1: Barnabas (vv. 19-24)

- See the power of encouragement.
- See the encouraging of encouragement.

Arrival 2: Saul (vv. 25-26)

- See the help a calling needs.
- See the church's new name.

Arrival 3: Agabus (vv. 27-30)

- See church-to-church generosity.
- See particular generosity.
- See courageous generosity.

Sermon Questions

1. Review what we've learned about Barnabas in Acts: 4:32-37, 9:26-30, & 11:19-26.
    a. What do you admire about this "son of encouragement"?
    b. What do you want to imitate?

2. Why is encouragement so powerful?
    a. Answer thinking about today's passage.
    b. Answer thinking about a time someone's encouraged you.

3. Is it your instinct to encourage others?
    a. Why or why not?
    b. If not, what steps can you take to grow in this area?

4. Who, specifically, needs encouragement from you?

5. Like Barnabas helped Saul, who could use your help in fulfilling their calling? (Think broadly here: a calling to ministry, a calling to volunteer, a calling to faith in Christ, etc.)

6. Saul's role in Antioch's generosity (verse 30) took *courage*. People were trying to kill him last time he was in Jerusalem (Acts 9:26-30)!
    a. Have you ever had to be courageous to be generous?
    b. How might this be required of you again?

7. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?