Discussion Questions for "The Unstoppable Gospel: Rescue"
Acts 12:1-19, Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of November 7th & 8th, 2026

Sermon Outline

Peter & James: How should I interpret my suffering? (vv. 1-11)
- Our sin may or may not cause our suffering.
- Jesus asks some of us to suffer for His sake.
- Jesus rescues both Peter & James.

Peter & Rhoda: Am I redeemable? (vv. 12-17)
- Jesus is willing to save His deniers.
- Jesus is glad to save the overlooked.

Peter & Herod: Will evil win? (vv. 1-19)
- Jesus wins

Sermon Questions

1. What's the danger of *misinterpreting* our suffering?

2. How does Acts 12 help *you* interpret the suffering you *have* experienced or *are* experiencing?

3. Why is it important to have a *heavenly* mindset when interpreting our suffering?

4. How is Jesus' grace toward Peter & Rhoda encouraging to you, personally?

5. Is there someone in your life who might relate to Peter or Rhoda?
    a. How might you show them Christ with your *actions?*
    b. How might you show them Christ with your *words?*

6. Even though Jesus hasn't returned yet, why can we be *confident* in His ultimate victory?

7. Think about your answer to question 6: How could – even how *should* – this confidence shape the way we think and live?

8. What are you most looking forward to about Christ's victorious return?

9. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?