

God's Good News is Unstoppable!

Sermon # 13, Acts 12:1-24

Main Point: *Keep going viral because God and His good news are unstoppable!*

Getting to Know You

1. Tell the group about a time when you were outmatched by someone who was better than you.

Getting into the Book

Read 12:1-24

2. Who did Herod persecute? What did he do to them? Why did he do it?
3. Why did it seem as if Peter had no hope of getting out of jail?
 - a. Why do you think he was so heavily guarded? (see Acts 5:18-20)
4. How would you have responded to James' death and Peter's imprisonment if you were part of the early church? How did the church respond (see 12:5)?
5. What do verses 5 and 12 say about the atmosphere of their prayer meeting?
6. Referring to verse 6, how close was Peter to his demise? What was he doing about it? Why do you think he was able to do this?
7. Why do you think those praying for Peter were reluctant to believe Rhoda? When you pray, do you do so in faith?
8. What eventually happened to Herod? Why did this happen?

Getting Out There

9. When it comes to going viral, are you tempted to fear or act in faith? Why?
10. In light of the fact that Herod, though humanly powerful, could not stop the spread of the gospel, how are you encouraged to join God in going viral with the good news of Jesus?
11. Who are you reaching?
 - a. Have you been reaching up in prayer for three people to come to Christ?
 - b. Have you reached out to them in relationship?
 - c. Have you reached in with the gospel?

Reminder: If you have not done so, fill out a "My Faith Story" card and turn it in at church.

Pray

Praise God for His unstoppable power! Praise Him that although many have attempted to extinguish the gospel throughout the millennia, He has prevailed! Pray for the launch of our Lighthouse Campus.