

ACTS

Bible Study

2018-2019



Lesson: 13
Acts 12

Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encouraged you, challenged or convicted you.

1. Chapter 12 is just 25 verses long. Read the whole thing. Consider the miraculous ways the gospel moves in this chapter. What stands out here: insights, questions, doubts? Take these thoughts and turn them into prayer.
2. Focus on verses 1-4. See the persecution faced by the disciples. Consider the examples of James and Peter; in what ways do their stories encourage or challenge your own discipleship. Again, take these thoughts to prayer. Ask the Lord to reveal to you the path of discipleship.
3. Fix your attention on verse 5. Peter is in trouble; note the church's response. As people of God we are called to the deep work of prayer. Where do you see trouble? Who is in trouble? Pray for these places and people today.
4. Take in verses 6-11. The Angel of the Lord makes a way. Peter is delivered from the clutches of Herod. Is there a trial in your own life where you need deliverance? Have you prayed for deliverance? We live in a culture that places high value on grit. Have you called out for grace?
5. Spend time in verses 12-17. Pay particular attention to verse 16. In the midst of chaos, fear, and amazing deliverance, Peter keeps on knocking. Consider this example. Thank God for his grace; call out for His grit, the strength that comes only from him.
6. Note verses 18-19. Here is a reminder that the gospel is consequential. The kingdom of heaven is locked in battle with the kingdom of this world. The outcome is assured, and yet casualties mount. Pray for those(us) engaged in the battle and for those who might still come to know Jesus as savior.
7. Read verses 20-25. Focus on verse 24. The word of God spread and flourish. Let us consider our part in this movement and pray that the word of God would continue to spread and flourish.

Notes/Prayer Request