

Good News - Acts

Scripture - Acts 12:1-19

Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. What role does prayer play in your life?
3. What are some prayers that have you seen answered with a "yes"? With a "no"? With a "wait"?
4. Read Acts 12:1-6. At least James, and possibly a number of believers had just been killed by Herod, and it seemed that perhaps Peter was next. How is it that Peter was relaxed enough to be sleeping?
5. Read Acts 12:7-11. Apparently, Peter didn't realize what God was doing until it was over!
 - Have you had any experiences like that (where you didn't grasp how God was working in the moment, but in hindsight you could see God's involvement)?
 - Can you describe one or two of those experiences?
 - What about your current life situation - is it possible that God is working in a way that you are not yet aware of?
 - How do verses like Hebrews 13:5-6 affect your current situation?
6. Read Acts 12:12-17
 - We can tend to focus on the prayers for Peter that were answered (with a "yes"), and so his life was spared. What about James, and possibly others, who died for their faith in this series of events? What do you do with that?
 - When Peter was finally let in to the prayer meeting, he shared what God had just done. In what ways is God working in your life currently that you can give Him praise/credit for?

Thank God for those things!