

The Heart of the Matter

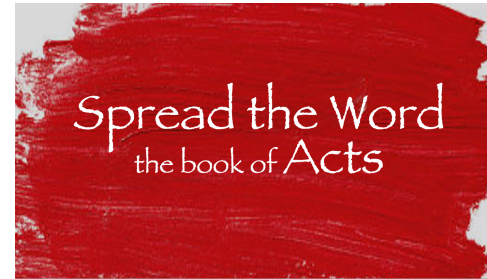
12. Based on this passage how should we respond when we face opposition or persecution?

13. How are you sometimes like the people at the prayer meeting in this passage?

14. How has God intervened in your life and rescued you?

15. In what areas of your life are you opposing God? What needs to change for you to be more in line with what God is purposing to accomplish in your life?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

The Great Escape Acts 12:1-24 For the Week of June 6, 2021

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Who was the most surprising person who ever showed up at your door.
3. What was a situation when you needed someone to intervene to rescue you?

Digging Deeper

4. This Herod is the nephew of the Herod who ruled in Jesus' day. What can we learn about his character in verses 20-23?

5. Why would Herod's choice to arrest Peter in verses 2-4 please the Jewish leaders? Why should Herod, as a Roman official, join in the Jewish opposition to the church?

6. What could be said about the fact that God saved Peter but not James? We may not understand God's ways, but what do we know about God's sovereign will?

7. Throughout the book of Acts we see how God uses angels (Acts 5:19, 8:26, 10:3-7). How do angels interact and care for God's people? (Psalm 91:11-12; Daniel 6:22; Matthew 4:11; Hebrews 13:2)

8. Why would it be possible for Peter to be able to be at such peace while sleeping in the jail? What promises has God given us? (Psalm 4:8; Isaiah 41:10)

9. How does prayer play such a prominent role in this account? What are some other Scripture passages where prayer is emphasized?

10. What is your take on what happened when Rhoda came to the gate and saw Peter? How did everyone respond when God actually answered their prayers? Why was Peter's release such a big surprise?

11. How does God have the final word with Herod in verses 21-24? Through this passage what can be said about those who oppose God?