

BETHEL SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Acts 12 – 02/25/24

STOP AND PRAY

Holy Spirit, open my heart and my mind to Your truth today! Then help me to be a Doer of the Word and not a Hearer only!

1) Throughout the book of Acts, what are some of the stories of deliverance that we have seen?

Read Acts 12:1-5

2) Who was Herod? What was his job?

3) Why did he arrest and kill James, and then later arrest Peter? Why during a feast in Jerusalem?

Read Acts 12:6-19

4) How did Peter escape from Herod's prison? How long did it take for Peter to realize what was happening?

5) Peter obeyed God without knowing the end of God's plan. How often do we do this? Why can this be hard for us to do?

6) Why did the Church not believe that Peter was alive at the door of the house?

Read Acts 12:20-25

7) How does Herod's story end? Why does Luke begin and end with Herod? What does Herod's story teach us about God?

8) Read v. 24-25 again? How does this chapter end? Why do you think Luke added that conclusion?

9) How does the story of James, Peter, and Herod help us understand the deliverance of God in our lives? What is one way we can encourage one another to be an instrument of God rather than a detriment?

Take time to pray for each other.

Use this prayer as the theme of your prayer time: *"Father in Heaven, you are sovereign, and you are good. Your plan is higher and better than my own. Help me to trust you even when your plan is hard to see. Thank you for the ways that you are good that I don't understand. Thank you for your goodness and love."*