



## Introduction

Up to this point the church is on a bit of a hot steak, enjoying the grace of God as they grow in numbers and seeing the gospel transform the lives of many. In Acts 12, we see persecution of the church begin to rise up. Where is our hope in the face of persecution? How does the gospel bring hope to the church past and present when it appears the enemy has the upper hand?

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**Acts 12:1-25**

**"Sin City + God = Revival"**

*Community Group Notes*

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## Explanation

### Acts 12:1-5; Mark 10:35-40

- What is causing the persecution?
- Why do the Jews approve of what Herod is doing?
- How did James get what he asked for?
- How did the church respond to the persecution?
- What is your expectation as a Christian, and how your life will play out?

### Acts 12:6-17

- What are some times in your life that it appeared hopeless and the enemy had won?
- Take a couple minutes to share with one another, "chains" that have been broken in your life. Where can you see freedom in your life because of Jesus?
- Why do you think the church that was praying had a hard time believing it was Peter at the door?

"You are out of your mind"

- What causes us to have doubts, or what causes or faith to be shaken?

### Acts 12:18-25

- What was at the root of Herod's motivation?
- What ways can we kill pride in our lives?
- How do you view the justice of God, in this story?
- Spend some time chatting about how you have seen verse 24 played out in history and in your lives personally.
- Where can we see the gospel of Jesus Christ, reflected in this text?