

## **Reflecting on Acts 12 | July 3, 2022**

### **Questions for Personal Study and Discussion**

Note: Some questions are adapted from Tony Merida's commentary, "Exalting Jesus in Acts"

1. **Read Acts 12:1-5.** In these verses, we discover that Herod attacks the followers of Jesus with "violent hands" and even seeks to kill some of them with the sword.
  - How did God's people respond to this serious threat, and particularly Peter's arrest?
  
  - What does this passage teach us about the importance of prayer in times of trial and persecution?
  
  - What are some other steps may we be tempted to take in the face of opposition (e.g., Peter in Luke 22:49-51)? What makes prayer superior to these reactions?



3. **Read Acts 12:1-3, 20-24.** In both the opening and closing of this chapter, we find Herod seeking to exalt himself in the sight of other people.

- What does it mean to exalt oneself?

- How can we fight the temptation to exalt ourselves?

4. **Read Acts 12:1-24.** One pastor observes that this story contains both an execution and an escape. In reality, life includes both triumphs and tragedies.

- What does this story teach us about the connection between God's sovereignty and hope?

*This question continues on the next page.*

- Read through **Romans 8:31-39**. Take some time to reflect on this passage in light of the events in Acts 12. Then pray through this passage to close your Life Group.