

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM FEBRUARY 19/20 SERMON

If you missed the sermon, check out [biblechapel.org/sermons](http://biblechapel.org/sermons).

1. Read again the passage from this week: [Acts 12:1-24](#).

What sticks out to you in this passage? What were your main takeaways overall from the study of this passage this weekend?

2. Read again [Acts 12:22-24](#).

Acts 12, more than anything, displays that nothing, even Satan and his influence in this world, can stop the advancement of God's Word through his Church. Therefore, we said:

Since the Church is already eternally victorious in Christ,  
may we start presently acting like it!

With the above said, read [John 15:18-20](#) and [2 Timothy 3:12](#).

Persecution is inevitable according to scripture if the church is truly being bold for Jesus. Although we may not presently face "the sword" in America, what stops us from sharing Jesus today? What subtle persecutions hold us back?

3. Our homework assignment for this week was:

**As the eternally victorious church, let's presently pray  
with fervor for God to move mightily through us.**

**As the eternally victorious church, let's presently proclaim  
Jesus with persistent boldness.**

So, for this week, we will do fewer questions and more time praying. I'm asking your groups to spend time praying in general for God to move mightily through The Bible Chapel this year, including our willingness to accept persecution to advance the Gospel.

Then please share one person you desire to share the Gospel with this week. Pray for those individuals and commit to holding each other accountable.

# BIBLE REFERENCES

[Acts 12:1-24 ESV](#)

**John 15:18-20 ESV**

## **The Hatred of the World**

<sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

**2 Timothy 3:12 ESV**

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

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