

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

UNSTOPPABLE: THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
OUR POWERFUL GOD AND HIS PRAYING CHURCH | ACTS 12
FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2022

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The Praying Church During Times of Trouble Acts 12:1-5
2. Our Powerful God Overcomes All Odds. Acts 12:6-11
3. The Praying Church That Doesn't Stop. Acts 12:12-16
4. Our Powerful God Has No Equal. Acts 12:17-25

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How was the Herod in Acts 12 related to the Herod in Luke 1? Why was the Herod in Acts imprisoning and punishing Christians?
2. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
3. What sorts of things sometimes paralyzes/prevents you from praying? Is there something more difficult about praying in front of a group for you? If there isn't anything for you, what's helped you overcome those fear or doubts that you could share with the group to help them?
4. What happened to Herod in Acts 12:20-23? Why? What does that teach us about the definition and dangers of pride (even if the angel of the Lord *probably* won't come strike us down for our pride)?
5. One of the tools Pastor Jeff discussed several months ago to draw out application from narratives in the Bible was SPECK. What other **S**ins to avoid, **P**romises to trust, **E**xamples to follow, **C**ommands to obey, and **K**nowledge of God can you glean from Acts 12?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Share something you've been struggling with right now the group can pray for. How does knowing God created everything help or speak into what you're going through right now?
2. How have your spiritual disciplines been going lately, especially prayer? Be specific! Don't just say good or bad and move on. What's one aspect of your prayer life you have been or would like to work on in the coming weeks?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God for His power and holiness; there is no one like our God!
2. Pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who face persecution like imprisonment or execution even today.
3. Ask God to help us bathe everything we do, regardless of our circumstances, in prayer.