

3. The GLORY of the KING (12:6–19)

1. Contrast

2. Warning

3. Encouragement



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Acts 12:1–25

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Herod the King has killed James and imprisoned Peter. What will become of the Gospel? Will it be muted or will it miraculously multiply? In this dramatic chapter, we see that God will be glorified by advancing His Gospel and that all who oppose His Gospel, seeking their own glory, will ultimately fail.

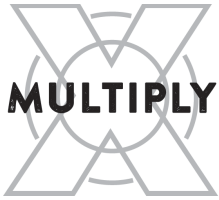
1. GREAT and GRIEVOUS Expectations (12:1–5)

2. An UNEXPECTED and UNDENIABLE Rescue (12:6–19)

1. Peter (12:6–11)

2. Those Praying (12:12–17)

3. Herod & the Jews (12:18–19)



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Connecting & Caring Together (about 20 min.)

In this 7th week of Spring Growth Groups, share a favorite story of God at work in the world this week.

Grappling with God's Word Together (about 20 - 30 min.)

1. How did you come under God's Word in the message this week? What did you feel and think in response to God's Word?
2. Read Acts 12:1-25 together as a group, looking for ways in which the whole passage hangs together as a single story. Review the context, characters, crisis, climax and resolution of this story.
3. Discuss the difficulty and the good design of God to call us to consistently live our lives in a "Cliff-Hanger" (12:5).

4. Discuss how the unexpectedness of Peter's rescue supports the undeniableness of Peter's rescue. Why do we need to tell these kinds of stories to one another? Do you have a story to tell? Take time to share.

5. Compare and contrast Herod the king and Jesus the King.

6. How does the death of Herod the king both warn and encourage us as followers of Christ the King?

Praying Together (about 20 min.)

Share needs. Praise God in prayer, pray for needs, those who don't know the Great King and close by praising King Jesus again.