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Wednesday Bible Study
Acts 12:1-19
Two- Week Handout

. • Read Acts 12:1-19. Answer the questions below. Bring your answers next week for us to discuss together. Do not feel bad if you are not able to find an answer to a question. Do the best you can and enjoy studying the passage. We will work together as a group to find the meaning of God's wonderful word.

Week One

1**.** In Acts 12:1–2, we read that Herod began persecuting members of the church and had James put to death. Since James was one of those who suffered for following Christ, I thought it would be good for us to learn a little more about his faith. I'm not looking for any specific answer. Please read the following passages and share what you discover about James and his faith.

Matthew 4:21–22; Luke 9:51–56; Mark 10:35–40.

2. According to Acts 12:3, the Jews were pleased that James had been put to death. Many of those who were pleased were probably Jewish religious leaders. Based on their previous interactions with Jesus, why do you think they would have been pleased to hear about James' death?

3. In Acts 12:5, how does Luke describe the way the church was praying for Peter while he was in prison? What do you think they prayed for, and how can we pray for believers who are imprisoned for their faith today?

4. What miracle took place in Acts 12:7?

5. What miracle took place in Acts 12:10?

6. How many people were guarding Peter and why is this an important detail?

7. What do the miracles in our passage teach us about God? How can these truths about God affect our walk with Him today?

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Week Two

1. According to Acts 12:12, did believers gather together to pray, and why is this important for us to notice?

2. In Acts 12:13–15, how did Rhoda, the servant girl, respond when Peter showed up, and why did the others say that she was "out of her mind"?

3. According to Acts 12:17, who did Peter say had delivered him from prison?

4. In Acts 12:17, Peter instructed them to report something to James and the brethren. Why would this report have been good to hear, especially after what happened in Acts 12:2?

5. In Acts 12:19, how did Herod respond to Peter being freed from the prison?

6. On October 22, 2026, The Voice of the Martyrs published an article about the persecution Christians are experiencing in a country called Kyrgyzstan. Please read the information from both links below. Then write down some of the things these Christians are experiencing and how we can pray for them.

   Article from October 22, 2026:
   https://www.persecution.com/stories/christians-opposed-on-many-fronts/

   Voice of the Martyrs Prayer Guide for Kyrgyzstan:
   https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/kyrgyzstan/

7. How can hearing about the persecution Christians are experiencing in Kyrgyzstan affect our own faith?

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