



The Power of a Praying Church (Acts 11:1-25)

Questions: Week Twenty-One

Peter's Miraculous Escape From Prison - [Acts 12:1-19](#)

Topics: [Angels](#), [Assurance](#), [Church](#), [Instructions](#), [Joy](#), [Persecution](#), [Prayer](#)

Open It

1. If you had to write a short story, what is one thing you would do to make it interesting to the reader?
2. *What is one dream you remember as having been very vivid?
3. If you told someone about an exciting dream you had, how would you make it come alive to the listener?

Explore It

4. Why was King Herod so cold-hearted toward the church? ([12:1-3](#))
5. Whom did King Herod arrest? ([12:1](#), [3-4](#))
6. Whom did the king have put to death? ([12:2](#))
7. What did Herod do with Peter? Why? ([12:3-4](#))
8. *What did the king plan to do with Peter after the Passover? Why? ([12:3-4](#))
9. What did the church do while Peter was in prison? ([12:5](#))
10. While in jail, why didn't Peter seem to fear for his life? ([12:6](#))
11. *What happened on the night before Peter's trial? ([12:6-11](#))
12. Who enabled Peter to escape? ([12:7-10](#))
13. How did Peter escape from prison? ([12:7-10](#))
14. *When did Peter know that what he had experienced was real? ([12:11](#))
15. Where did Peter go once he realized what had happened? ([12:12](#))
16. What happened when Peter appeared at Mary's door? ([12:13-16](#))

17. Once inside the house, what did Peter say? ([12:17](#))
18. How did the soldiers react when they discovered Peter was gone? ([12:18](#))
19. What did Herod do? ([12:19](#))

Get It

20. When have you seen a person try to take advantage of Christians, as Herod did?
21. *How do you tend to react in trying circumstances?
22. How can a church use prayer when faced with a crisis?
23. *What can we learn from the way Peter handled his situation?
24. How can you help and encourage Christians who serve in difficult situations?
25. What can you do to make your prayers for others a part of their ministry?

Apply It

26. *What do you want to remember the next time you suffer for your faith?
27. For what missionary can you pray throughout this week?
28. To what other family can you show hospitality this week? How?

Herod's Death - [Acts 12:20-25](#)

Topics: [Angels](#), [Bible](#), [Death](#), [Flattery](#), [God](#), [Growth](#), [Mission](#), [Partnerships](#), [Peace](#), [Pride](#), [Quarrels](#)

Open It

1. *If you were a celebrity, what would you like most and least about your status?
2. If your job gave you tremendous power over others, in what ways could it bring out the worst in you?

Explore It

3. What was Herod's relationship with the cities of Tyre and Sidon? ([12:20](#))
4. Why did the people of Tyre and Sidon want to make peace with Herod? ([12:20](#))
5. Whom did the people appoint to make peace with the king? ([12:20](#))
6. *On the day of the public assembly, what did Herod do? ([12:21](#))
7. *What did the people say to honor Herod? ([12:22](#))
8. *How did God judge Herod? ([12:23](#))
9. How did the work of God continue, in spite of persecution and opposition? ([12:24](#))
10. What did Saul and Barnabas set out to do? ([12:25](#))
11. When the apostles completed their mission in Jerusalem, where did they go? ([12:25](#))
12. Whom did the apostles take with them to Antioch? ([12:25](#))

Get It

13. How could a season of hardship benefit your church?
14. *How does the example of Herod serve as a warning to us today?
15. In what ways do pride and position affect the way we treat others?
16. *How can we guard against pride and conceit?
17. What should we do when others credit us with great deeds?
18. For what ministries in your church are you thankful?
19. Why is it helpful to work with a partner in doing Christian ministry?

Apply It

20. How can you be more honest in your relationships with Christian brothers and sisters?
21. What church leader can you pray for today?
22. *What can you do today as a discipline of humility?