

THE WAY

Acts 12:1-19

Read Acts 12:1-19 together. As you read, what catches your attention, and why? Is there something in this passage that you find particularly meaningful, surprising, or challenging?

James is killed, Peter is rescued, and the church is praying. What questions or tensions does this contrast raise for you about God and prayer?

What do you notice about the believers' response to Peter's imprisonment and then to his unexpected arrival? What do their reactions reveal about the experience of praying and waiting for God to act?

What does this passage reveal about God's power and purposes? What does it leave unanswered about why God intervenes in some situations and not others?

Think about your own experiences with prayer. When has God answered in a way you recognized, and when have you struggled because things didn't turn out as you prayed? How have those experiences shaped your relationship with Him?

Jesus teaches us to pray according to God's will, even when that means surrendering what we deeply desire (Matthew 26:39). What do you think it looks like to pray boldly for something while also genuinely surrendering the outcome to God?

How does believing that God sees a bigger picture than we do affect the way you pray? When does that truth bring comfort, and when does it feel difficult to trust? What helps you continue praying when God seems silent, when circumstances don't change, or when you don't understand His response?

Is there something you're currently praying about where you're finding it difficult to trust God with the outcome? What might it look like to bring both your desire and your uncertainty honestly before Him? Take time to pray together as a group.