Discussion Notes

Acts: James' Death, Peter's Escape • Acts 12:1–19
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Main Theme:

Luke, the author of Acts, juxtaposes two events in Acts 12: the death of James and the angelic rescue of Peter. We hear plenty of echoes from the gospel narratives within Acts 12. Acts reminds us that a life of faith in Jesus is certainly surprising, and believers are to expect plenty of ups and downs.

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Engage:

- Read the text. At your initial reading, what stands out to you? Think about key themes, words, phrases, or people.
- What questions do you have about the text?

Observe:

- What is the main point of this passage? What does Luke want us to see clearly above all details emerging?
- How does the main point of this passage tie in with the main points of Acts?
- What are two or three other main sub-points?
- What questions do you carry as you read the passage, or have heard the teaching?
- Have you ever heard this passage wrongly applied?
- What is more clear to you about this passage than it has been before?

Apply:

- What is your key take-away from this passage?
- Share stories of how you feel this passage connects to your experience as a believer.
- What are you still wrestling with in this passage?
- Is there anything that God wants you to desire or do in response to this passage?
- Pray for each other.