



JESUS

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PART 12: **JOHN MARK**

Acts 12-15

1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK



Open Your Group in Prayer.

Use this as a guide, you don't have to answer every question in your group.

1. Who was the most surprising person to ever show up at your door?

Read Acts 12:1-25

2. If one of the people in your group were put to death and another were thrown into jail, what would that do to your group?
3. This Herod is the grandson of Herod the Great and the nephew of the Herod who reigned in Jesus' day. What do you learn about his character in v. 20-23?
4. Why do you suppose Herod wanted to kill Peter?
5. What do you think the church was praying for in v. 5?
6. If they were praying for God to deliver Peter from jail, why were they so surprised when he showed up at the door?
7. When Rhoda announced who was at the door, what would you have said to her if you had been there?
8. When has God surprised you by intervening in a situation that you thought was hopeless?
9. How do you feel about the fact that God rescued Peter but not James?
10. Some of Jesus' final words to Peter can be found in **John 21:18-22**. How do you think that played into Peter's thoughts while in prison?
11. Put yourself in the place of the soldiers... what would you say to the others the next morning?
12. In verses 20-22, what contrasts do you see between Herod's power and God's?
13. What do you make of Herod's death? (v. 21-23)
14. Who truly has power here: Herod or the Lord? What does this tell you about how Christians ought to deal with opposition and persecution? What worldly forces seem all-powerful to you?
15. How does your 1:10 Group do at praying for each other? How can your group grow in the area of prayer?

Many of the questions this week are taken from the Serendipity Study Bible, pg. 1550-1552.

6:7 family tips

Here are a few practical ideas that may help you develop a time of family worship in the home:

1. **Find a good children's Bible**, such as *My First Bible*, *The Adventure Bible for Young Readers*, *ESV Children's Bible*, or *The Jesus Storybook Bible*. Children love to have a Bible they can call their own.
2. **Have a daily time for family worship**—morning, afternoon, or evening. Develop a routine for your child. Consistency is good for learning. It will show your child that this is an important part of the day.
3. **Remember to have fun** with your children while learning the Bible. Memorizing and learning about the Bible doesn't have to be boring. Make the time fun and special.
4. **Keep the time brief** to hold the child's attention.
5. **Recite a verse or question** several times a day in your child's presence so it becomes familiar to them. It usually takes repeating something several times before you learn it.
6. **Select a few short hymns or worship songs** that your children can sing along with.
7. **Pray with your children**. Teach them the power and importance of intercessory prayer. Let prayer become an important part of your home. Pray for your neighbors, your community, the nation, and the world. Let prayer be a way that introduces your child to the needs of others.
8. Lastly, the home is where faith learning begins, but the real world is where it is lived. **Take time to stop and teach your children faith lessons** in the car, at the grocery store, or the street corner.

(from *A Quick Guide to Family Worship* by Winfield Bevins)

These simple questions are designed to help you live out the command in Deuteronomy 6:7 to teach our kids and make God's Word a natural topic of conversation in our homes. Use them at the dinner table, in the car, or wherever you find your family together with a few moments to spare.

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2014

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.

Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.

NOTE: Due to the sensitive nature of some items on the Prayer Guide, we do not publish it online. Email the church office to sign up for the email prayer list: office@wawaseebible.com