

Acts 12:1-18: Peter Escapes from Prison

1. Have you ever had a crazy but convincing dream? Share the experience with the group.
2. Have you ever seen God answer fervent prayers? How did that feel? Who did you tell?
3. **Read Acts 18: 1-18** The Church responded to adverse circumstances in prayer. Do we? What scriptures encourage your prayers?
4. Why do you think the praying church responded as they did to Peter's return?
5. **Read Daniel 3: 16-18** Compare the story of these 3 young men in dire circumstances, and comment on how they are similar to Peter. Why do you think this is?
6. Consider poor Rhoda! (v13) Have you ever felt treated as if the rest of the church think you are 'out of your mind?' Why is it hard to be considered extreme when you are trying to be faithful to God's word?
7. Consider Herod (v 3) Do we ever act wrongly for the sake of pleasing others? (Be honest!) Why do you think this is?
8. What threats face Christians today? How do we respond?
9. In what practical ways could WE improve our prayer life?

10. Time to Pray

- Give thanks for where you have seen God's grace at work this week. Where has he answered your prayers?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to create in you a heart for prayer: be still for a few moments; what rises in your mind? How might you respond in prayer?
- Share practical needs in prayer for each other. Ask God to work miraculously to bring transformation and deliverance.