

STUDY GUIDE

Acts 12

“Opposition and Increase”

- 1) How have you encountered difficulty and opposition in your life because you follow Jesus Christ?

Why do you think people are opposed to Jesus and Christianity?

- 2) What tend to be common reactions when people face opposition?

How do you, personally, tend to react?

- 3) How is it encouraging to you to see that the Christians in Acts 12 turned to God in prayer?

How do you seek to grow in your practice of prayer while facing opposition?

- 4) How is the account of Peter’s rescue from prison encouraging to you?

How does this account grow your faith in trusting that God works in great ways as we come to him in prayer?

- 5) God strikes Herod down at the end of the chapter because he “did not give God the glory” (v23). What does this say about the character of God?

- 6) We are shown how the “word of God increased and multiplied” (v24) in the midst of the opposition believers faced in this chapter. Knowing that God is the same God yesterday, today, and forever, how have you seen the Gospel go out and flourish?

- 7) How is it encouraging to you to know that the Gospel message is unstoppable?

How do you desire to point to Jesus by “passionately proclaiming the glory of God in Christ for the joy of all people?”

But the word of God increased and multiplied.

- Acts 12:24