



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

Once again, the church faces persecution. James is put to death and Peter is arrested. While Peter was in jail "the church was earnestly praying to God for him." Peter is miraculously broken out of jail and despite the church's prayers, they have a hard time believing it. It's a great reminder that, no matter how improbable the situation, people of faith should keep praying.

ICE BREAKER

What's the most trivial thing you remember asking God for in prayer?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Can you remember a time in the life of your church when the entire church prayed fervently for someone's well being? What happened?

Describe a time when your prayers weren't answered. How did that affect your future prayers?

The believers were praying for Peter. But, apparently, they didn't believe their prayers had been answered. Why do you think that is?

Has God ever answered your prayers in a surprising way? If so, how?

Why do you think Luke included the story of Herod's death?

Why do you believe it's important to pray?

APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage?

In light of what you've heard, how are you going to be different in the future?