

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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WELCOME: What's your favorite time of day, and why?

WORSHIP: [Worship Playlist](#)

WORD: Read Acts 12:1-19

What part of this particular sermon stuck out to you, and why?

In what tangible ways have you found REST in God? What areas of your life are you really searching for rest?

Talk about deliverance. "When God wants to deliver us, He can." *How have you experienced the Lord's miraculous deliverance in the most difficult of circumstances? In what areas or ways are you praying for deliverance?*

Talk about the differences between living a life of pleasure vs. a life of serving God for His purposes. *Like Peter, how might we be intentionally leveraging our temporal lives for His eternal purposes?*

Selfishness can hinder deliverance. Discuss any awareness of being stuck in some area of your life, and whether your hopes, dreams, or ambitions are aligned with God's plan and heart for serving Him.

Ernest prayer WORKS! *Have you ever prayed not thinking God was going to work, yet He responded in unexplainable and abundant ways? How has prayer truly been manifested in your life, and in lives around you? Give God the glory!*

How does self-discipline affect our relationship with God? What are some ways for believers to discipline themselves in faith?

WITNESS: Earnest prayer is powerful and effective. Take this time to earnestly pray over your community, family, and circle of influence. Speak life into direct circumstances, and prepare your hearts to see the Lord show up in unexplainable ways!