



The Power of a Church that Prays

Sunday Morning, September 20, 2015

Review

1. Reread Acts 12:1-17 if you'd like to refresh your mind of the context of our lesson.
2. There is power in praying together as a group.
3. God answers prayers on His own time, not ours.
4. Don't limit God in the way He acts.

ICEBREAKER:

If you could ask Christ to change one problem in the world today, what would you like him to change?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Do you prefer to pray alone, or do you prefer to pray with others? Does it depend on the situation?
2. How powerful is prayer?
3. Why do you think Herod ordered Peter to be guarded by 4 squads of 4 soldiers?
4. What other church leader had Herod recently killed?

Why did he want to kill Peter as well?

5. God releases Peter from his chains at the "eleventh hour" - on the night before he was to be executed.
 - a. When God takes longer to answer your prayers, do you ever begin to doubt or lose faith?
 - b. What good can the waiting do for us?
6. Have you ever been surprised by an answer to prayers?
7. Herod tried to stop the church from growing. Read Acts 12:24 - what happened after it faced persecution? Is that still happening today?
8. Spend your final moments in prayer as a group. Share with each other the needs and the struggles you have.