Study Guide on Acts 12:1-11

New American Standard Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.
1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Acts 12:1-11

(Acts 12:1) Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church in order to mistreat them.

(Acts 12:2) And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword.

(Acts 12:3) When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now it was during the days of Unleavened Bread.

(Acts 12:4) When he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people.

(Acts 12:5) So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.

(Acts 12:6) On the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison.

(Acts 12:7) And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and woke him up, saying, “Get up quickly.” And his chains fell off his hands.

(Acts 12:8) And the angel said to him, “Gird yourself and put on your sandals.” And he did so. And he *said to him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.”

(Acts 12:9) And he went out and continued to follow, and he did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.

(Acts 12:10) When they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

(Acts 12:11) When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?

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