

Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Week of January 14th
Sermon Titled: "Prison Break"

Open in Prayer. Read Acts 5:17-42.

As you begin, ask the group: What stood out to you about the sermon? What questions did you have? What challenged you?

Note for the discussion and application questions: choose a couple of the questions below to discuss and go deeper with the sermon together.

Discussion Questions

1. Why was Peter put in prison? What were some of God's purposes in rescuing him that we learn from the text?
2. What do we learn about God's power, purposes and character?
3. Pastor Mark shared that the enemy wants the gospel to stop being proclaimed and that he uses doubt, delegation, doctrine, distraction and fear to keep us from participating in gospel mission and ministry.
 1. Discuss each of these as a group. What do you tend to struggle with in sharing the gospel or obeying God?
 1. Doubt – God's power or His plan
 2. Delegation – evangelism is someone else's job
 3. Doctrine – either people feel like they don't know enough or all the knowledge they have stays in their head rather than flowing out in action
 4. Distraction – noise in our culture, comfort, stuff, self-improvement, self in general
 5. Fear – fear of what faithfulness and evangelism will cost you
4. Describe a time where you served, evangelized or obeyed when it was uncomfortable. How did you see God at work? How did you grow?
5. Why should we regularly pray for our persecuted members of the Body of Christ around the world?

Prayer Focus: Pray for those persecuted for their faith all over the world and that they would stand firm under trial. Pray for your bold and courageous witness this week.