

Bold and Powerful
Week's reading: Acts 11:19-12:19
Discussion Guide: October 22, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. - Galatians 3:26-28

Did God lead you to interact with anyone quite different than you this past week?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
 - o How did you live bold and powerful this past week?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
 - o What questions do you have?

READ and ASK: Acts 12:1-24

- Why do you think Herod began his persecution against the church?
- What do you think Herod's full intentions were with Peter?
- In what way did Peter seem to not fear for his life?
 - o How do you think you would be if you were in prison awaiting trial for your faith (knowing one of your brothers had just been killed by the sword)?
- What do you find refreshing about the "realness" of the early church in this text?
 - o How are you challenged by them?
- What great truths of God can this text remind us of?
 - o How does this text display the fact that God is in control?

APPLY:

- How can we pray for one another like the church prayed for Peter?
- What do you need to remember the next time you suffer for your faith?
- NEXT STEP: how do you need to trust in God's sovereignty this week?

Memory Work:

But the word of God continued to spread and flourish. - Acts 12:24

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 13:1-12