**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 12**

**Acts 12:1-25**

1. What did you learn from last week’s lesson/lecture about the privilege and responsibility of bearing the name “Christian?”

2. a. Herod began persecuting the church. Whom did he martyr and how?

 b. Why do you think that pleased the Jews?

 c. Politicians like to please the crowd. Name some politically approved evils in our time that endure because they are “crowd pleasers.”

 d. How do you think we can change this?

3. How did Herod seek to . . .

 . . . impress the Jews further?

 . . . insure Peter’s imprisonment?

4. While Peter was in prison, the church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 a. What is said of that weapon in 2 Corinthians 10:4?

 b. What kinds of battles have you fought using the weapon of prayer?

5. a. The church prayed and Peter was delivered.

 . . . when?

 . . . how?

 b. How long did the angel stay with Peter?

 c. How did Peter acknowledge his deliverance?

 d. Write Hebrews 1:14.

 e. James was martyred but Peter was delivered. What thought does that bring to your mind about God’s sovereignty?

6. a. Where did Peter go and what reception did he receive?

 b. Where did Rhoda go and what reception did her news receive?

7. a. Fill in verse 16: “But Peter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

 b. Why do you think Christians are sometimes surprised when God answers their prayers?

 c. What did Jesus say in Matthew 7:7?

8. What do you see in verse 17 that would strengthen the church?

 . . . sadden the church?

9. How did Herod react when Peter escaped?

10. a. What was the motive behind the people of Tyre and Sidon’s attempt to reconcile with Herod?

 b. How did they go about it?

 c. What compromise were they willing to make?

11. a. What was Herod’s sin and its penalty?

 b. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, give another example of pride leading to destruction.

 c. What do these Scriptures say about the honor due God?

 Psalm 29:2

 Psalm 57:5

 Psalm 145:3

12. What happened in Acts 12:24?

13. a. Who joined Barnabas and Saul as a missionary?

 b. From this chapter, what do we know about his family and household?

 c. Why do you think John Mark might have been motivated to missionary work?

14. What events in this chapter would match the following Scriptures?

 a. death of James Psalm 3:8

 b. deliverance of Peter John 12:26

 c. diligent prayer Psalm 116:15

 d. demise of Herod James 5:16b

 e. discipleship of Mark Galatians 6:7