

# Study Guide Questions

## Acts of the Apostles 12:1-17

1. The question of why God spared Peter and did not spare James is a difficult one to answer. Why do you feel God does not explain His actions? Does it teach us anything about the nature of God? Have you had prayers answered and have you had prayers unanswered? Share your experiences. What comfort can we derived, if any, from the dilemma?
2. Do you believe prayer changes things? What conclusion can be drawn from our story?
3. Peter slept soundly the night before his execution. Would this be difficult for you? What made the difference for Peter?
4. The believers in Acts 12 prayed earnestly (literally “in agony”). How would you characterize your prayer life?  
Like clock-tower bells, regular and strong?  
Like church bells, heard only on Sunday?  
Like dinner bells, short and routine?  
Like doorbells, small and polite?  
Like service bells, loud and demanding?  
Like glass bells, hollow and showy?  
Like alarm bells, ear-splitting and panicky?
5. What can you do to improve the manner in which you pray?
6. What does the story illustrate about the nature of angels? How does your perception of angels align itself to this passage?