**THE CHURCH EARNESTLY PRAYS, AND GOD ANSWERS**

Acts 12:1-25

Key Verse 12:5 “So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.”

1. What was the time and place of these events? (1-5) How did King Herod intensify his persecution of the church? What was Herod’s intention and what did the believers do?

2. How did the believers continue to pray in spite of James’ martyrdom? How did God answer their prayers? (6-11)

3. What does the fact that the believers were praying when Peter returned show about the church? (12-19a)

4. For what purpose did the people of Tyre and Sidon flatter Herod? What happened to Herod? (19b-23)

5. In spite of persecution, how did the word of God spread and flourish? (6:7, 9:31)