

Calvary Family Night

Personal Growth Elective

September 2011 thru May 2011

## **Lesson 15 Peter's Escape from Prison Acts 12**

**Day 1** From last week's lecture, what applications were the most personal for you?

If a gathering of people sincerely asked you to tell them everything God commanded you to tell them, what would you say? Consider 1 Peter 3:15

**Day 2** Read Acts 12:1-4

What did Herod do to harass the church? Why did he do each of these things?

When was Peter imprisoned? Why do you think it happened then?

How many men did Herod use to guard Peter? Why so many?

**Day 3** Read Acts 12:5-11

After Peter was thrown in prison, how did the church respond?

List the obstacles in Peter's path that prevented him from getting out of prison on his own. Consider any "prisons" you are in. What are the obstacles preventing you from getting out?

Why do you think Peter thought he was seeing a vision? What did he realize was really happening?

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**Day 4** Acts 12:12-17

**What were the people doing at John Mark's mother's home? How do you relate 1 Thessalonians 5:17 and Matthew 7:7-8 and Ephesians 6:18 to this? Do you have other favorite verses on prayer?**

**How did the servant girl react when she answered the door? What did the people think she saw? Why do you think they each reacted the way they did?**

**Why do you think Peter told the people to be quiet and later left for another place?**

**Day 5** Read Acts 12:18-19

**Who did Herod blame for Peter's escape and how? If he had considered Gamaliel's words in Acts 5:38-39 how might he have looked at this differently?**

**Today commit to memorizing one of the following verses: Romans 12:12**

- Write the verse on a small piece of paper and place it in your pocket
- Repeat it while driving, before meals, and before bed
- Share it with some one at work and at home

**Day 6** Read Acts 12:20-24

**What was Herod's sin and what was his punishment? Describe Nebuchadnezzar's fall from glory in Daniel 4:28-33. How might this serve as a warning for your life?**

**Despite Herod's effort to harass the church, what was the result?**