

Unstoppable Increase

Acts 12:1-24

The story . . .

We can _____ in the increase
of the gospel through _____

1. _____

2. _____

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: What's your least favorite "chore" to do around the house?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read (or have a few people take turns reading) Acts 12:1-24. In this story, what happens to James?

- What happens to Peter?
- What happens to Herod?

What were the other believers doing while Peter was in prison?

If you had been in the situation Peter was in (vv. 4-6), what thoughts and emotions might you have had?

- How is it that Peter is able to sleep under those circumstances?

Why do you think those at Mary's house were surprised to see Peter, even though they had been praying for him?

What's a time in your life when God answered a prayer even better than you had been expecting?

What miracles are you praying to see in your life? In your family? In our community? In our nation? In our world?

Imagine that you were James' brother, John. What might be some thoughts and emotions you would have after witnessing all that is described in this chapter?

When God doesn't answer our prayers in the way or timing we want Him to, what should we do? What should we not do?

- What helps us do (or not do) these things?

How can we pray for one another?