

Kingdom Eyes - Acts 12:6-25

- 1. In our text, we see that Peter was now in Jail for the third time, and yet he was able to sleep even while knowing that he was slated for public execution the next day. How is Peter able to do this? How would you act in this situation? What does trusting God have to do with Peters's countenance?
- 2. What does the Peace of God look like in your life? Philippians 4:6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- 3. Why is it our tendency as disciples of Jesus to look at prayer as a last resort instead of a "go-to" weapon at the first sign of trouble? How do we overcome this?
- 4. What do our prayers look like when we pray according to God's will?
- 5. There is no doubt a lot going on in our culture that can get us distracted, spun up, and hopeless. The followers of Jesus were losing hope fast. They were violently persecuted, James was murdered, and Peter was to be executed at the Passover. How do we maintain hope in trying times and situations? How does prayer play into that hope?
- 6. Looking back at Acts 4:23-31, the early church collectively praised God for being sovereign and in control of all things. They knew that God had ordained the events that had killed Jesus and understood that they were all part of the plan to bring God's will to pass. How does that give you comfort in our world today? Does it change how you think and pray?
- 7. We saw in this section of scripture that God's people were praying v5, v12 earnestly. How does seeing things from a Kingdom perspective change everything? How does this allow us to pray, like the early church (Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness)?

