

# February 14 Discussion Questions "Kingdom, Power, and Glory" Acts 12:18-25

# Preview

"And the people were shouting, 'The voice of a god, and not of a man!' Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last. But the word of God increased and multiplied." Acts 12:22-24

Herod	Barnabas
My Kingdom - Self- <u>focused</u>	Your Kingdom - God- <u>focused</u>
My Power - Self- <u>reliant</u>	Your Power - God- <u>reliant</u>
My Glory - Self- <u>exalting</u>	Your Glory - God- <u>exalting</u>

# Connect

- 1. What is one of your most humiliating experiences?
- 2. Who would you say is the most humble person you know? How is their humility exhibited in their life?
- 3. Why is humility attractive and refreshing?

# Pray & Read Acts 12:18-25

#### Discuss

4. What problem do the people of Tyre and Sidon have in this passage? What does this lead them to do?

- 5. Where are you tempted to turn when problems arise in your life? Contrast a Christian's response to a crisis to that of a non-Christian. How has then been evident throughout the pandemic?
- 6. How is Herod's pride demonstrated in this passage? What does the Bible teach about pride and its results? Can you think of any examples from Scripture?
- 7. How would you define humility? Why is humility such an important virtue for a Christian?
- 8. Who exemplifies a humble heart in the Bible?
- 9. Despite Herod's pride, what continued to spread? In what way does this parallel the prideful efforts of those building the Tower of Babel?

# Apply

- 10. In what specific way do you believe pride has infected your life? How might it be hindering your walk with God?
- 11. What relationship in your life would be benefited by an extra dose of your humility?
- 12. How does this passage and the truth it presents lead you to worship Jesus?

# Missional Check-In

- 13. How have you seen God at work this past week?
- 14. What opportunities did you have this week to shine His light?
- 15. What is one intentional step you can take this coming week to be a witness for Christ?

# Prayer

Spend time thanking God for His example of humility in His incarnation and death. Then ask the Holy Spirit to increase the humility of your heart.

# Church-Wide Prayer Focus, from the Prayer Team

**Personal Prayer Focus**: Please pray that we, as Christians, will have confidence that God's enemies will not be able to stop the advance of the Gospel.