

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of July 19-20, 2025

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

### Living In the Tension

(Acts 12:1-23)

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### Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Acts 12:1-23.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Within these verses, we encounter two vital actions of a Christ follower.

First, his followers are rooted to an **Anchor of Hope!**

When has your hope in Jesus helped you navigate a difficult moment or season?

When have you been inspired by another person's hope during their own personal trial?

What helps your hope remain strong – especially in the absence of a desired outcome?

If you are currently struggling to keep hope, share a bit about what you are dealing with and why keeping hope is currently a challenge?

Read together Isaiah 40:27-31.

In what ways, if any, does this portion of scripture provide hope for you?

In Acts 12:21, we hear the promise of God's ultimate restoration and in 12:23, we encounter God's justice.

In what ways, if any, do these verses provide you with hope?

Second, as an outcome of their hope, these Christ followers engage in the **Power of Prayer**. (vs. 12:5)

How active is your current prayer life?

What does your current engagement with prayer tell you about your level of hope?

If you ever question whether your prayers make a difference, share a bit about this wrestling.

What is the difference between praying earnestly and praying expectantly?

How expectant are you in your prayers?

What encouragement, if any, do you draw from the fact that these believers were so shocked that their prayers were answered? (vs. 15)

If you are feeling a call to become more engaged in prayer about a particular situation, share what is stirring in your heart with the rest of the group.

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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