

GROUPS

sermon guide

RIOTS & REVIVALS - 10/12/2025 MIKE WILSON

MAIN IDEA

WHAT SHOULD CHRISTIANS DO?

TALK ABOUT IT

- **ICEBREAKER:** What's the weirdest or most surprising place you've ever fallen asleep?
- What stands out to you about the church's response to Peter's imprisonment?
- What does this chapter teach us about God's sovereignty—even in the face of evil and persecution?
- How does the description of prayer here challenge our often casual or inconsistent approach to prayer?
- What would it look like for our church—and for you personally in your family, friend group, or workplace—to pray like the early church did?
- What might need to shift or change in your prayer life to make that happen?
- What is most surprising about Peter's behavior the night before his expected execution?
- What does Peter's ability to sleep in that situation reveal about his trust in God?
- When you look at the peace Peter had while facing possible execution, how does that compare to how you usually respond to stress or uncertainty?
- In your own life, what actually helps you rest and remain peaceful during times of fear or hardship?
- How did Peter respond to the angel's instructions even though he didn't fully understand what was happening?
- What does this teach us about the nature of obedience? Is it possible or necessary to obey God before fully understanding His plan?
- What "iron gates" are you currently worried about in your life? How does this passage speak to those fears?
- Why is it often hard to take the next step of obedience before seeing how everything will work out?
- What are some areas in your life right now where God might be saying, follow me but you are hesitating?
- Verse 24 says that "the word of God continued to increase and spread." How is this a key takeaway from the whole chapter?
- Of the three points—pray, have peace, obey—which one do you feel God is calling you to grow in right now? Why? What steps will you take this week to intentionally develop that area?

KEY SCRIPTURES

ACTS 12:1-24

NEXT STEPS

- **ENCOUNTER:**
 - Join us at one of our Sunday services: 8:30am, 10am & 11:30am
 - Spanish translation available during our 10am service
- **EXPERIENCE**
 - Growth Track WEEK 3: Get Plugged In
 - Fireside Room at 10am
 - **Life Groups Highlight** - Chelan WA, Wednesdays at 6pm
 - For more information text/call at 509 433-7402
- **EXPAND**
 - Light the Night - October 31st - [Sign up to serve HERE](#)
 - **Colombia Mission's Trip Info Meeting** - October 12th at 11:30am in the Chapel

GOING DEEPER

- **Reflection:** Is there a recent situation where you chose worry over prayer, or hesitation over obedience? Looking back, how might things have been different if you had responded with prayer, peace, or trust?
- **Journal:** Write about a time when you clearly saw God open a 'closed gate' in your life, something that seemed impossible until it suddenly wasn't. What did that experience teach you about His timing and faithfulness?
- **Application:** What is one area of your life this week where you can choose to actively trust God by doing the next right thing—even if you don't see the whole path yet?