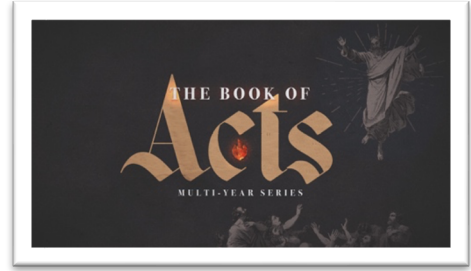


# A LIGHT SHONE IN THE CELL

ACTS 12:1-19 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD  
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*Having the light of Christ...I discern the darkness more easily, I seek the Lord more earnestly, I anticipate his intervention more eagerly, I bind myself to the church more enthusiastically.*

## GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

### 1. Pastor Todd began this message reminding us of the abundant presence of darkness in this world.

- READ: Revelation 21:23-25. As believers, how do we respond knowing that God will one day abolish darkness all the while knowing that having the light of Jesus makes all the difference?

### 2. We were reminded that the desire for power can corrupt. *Absolute power absolutely corrupts.*

- What can we do to avoid becoming insensitive or blind to the evilness and corruption of the world?
- How do we answer those who question God's existence, love, justice (etc.) considering the evil that dominates social media and the news?

### 3. Prayer to God is powerful, it will push darkness out and pull us to Christ.

- Do we pray earnestly for the many believers around the world who face the constant perils of persecution for their faith in Jesus?
- How do we pray to God? Do we pray believing that God can and will answer?
- Consider the following as you pray for the persecuted.  
Pray for: Deliverance, Patient Endurance, Protection for the Church, Gospel Opportunities, and that God would be glorified.

### 4. Acts 12:6 highlights that Peter fell asleep, while he waited for his execution the next morning, when God sent an angel to pull him out of the prison.

- Take a moment to share about a time when you personally encountered God's intervention in your life.
- How does Peter's rescue story, and your own past experience, encourage you to trust God in the future?

### 5. There is a great need for Christians to be counter-cultural to the world and more closely bound to the Church.

- How does it personally benefit us and those around us when we are actively involved and not neglecting the body of Christ?
- Take a moment to consider how you can be more engaged and connected to the local church.