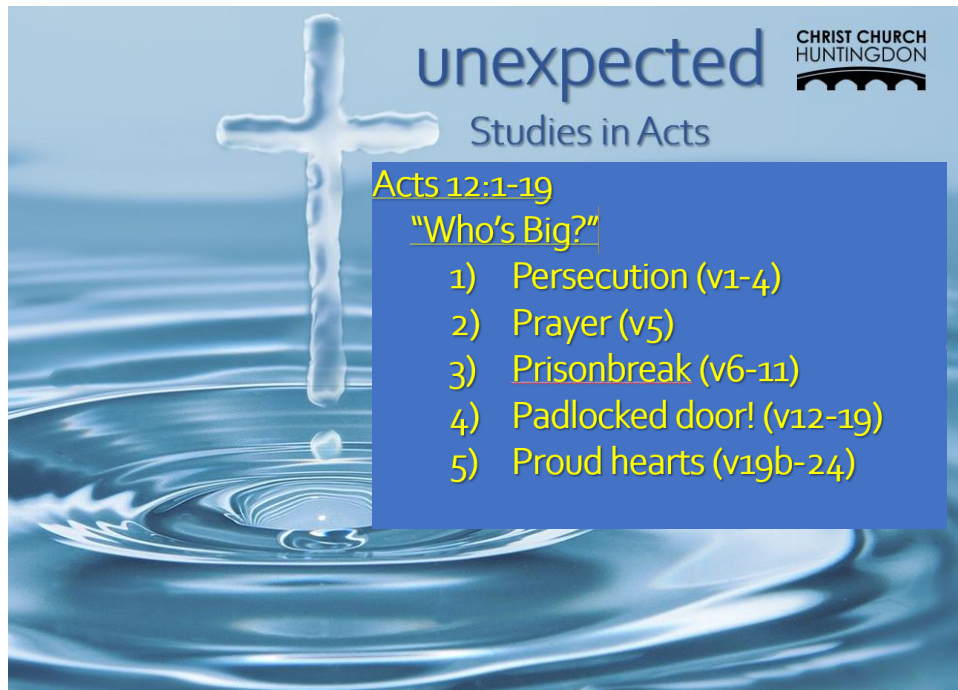


Dig Deeper Acts 12:1-19 for lifegroups/personal study ...



Today's dig deeper focuses on last Sunday's and next Sunday's Bible passages. The two go together and culminate in one of the many famous "progress reports" of Acts (12:24).

1. Reread the passage again (perhaps in the 5 scenes above) and sum up the different emotions that you feel as you go through the story. Are there any questions or issues that arise for you at this stage?
2. What do the (amusing) events of v12-17 tell you about the kind of prayers that God answers? How might this affect your prayer life (try to be specific)? Bear in mind v24 for where the section is going.
3. Have a think about the things that loom large in your life right now as worries and fears. How does this chapter bring perspective to those fears? How also does the passage bring perspective to the specific fear of persecution?
4. [Optional: James was killed (and he only gets 1 verse) and Peter was saved (and he gets most of a chapter). Why would God allow such different experiences?]

Resources...

- 2021 Prayer points for the most persecuted countries [here](#).

2 websites of agencies that pray for and promote the persecuted church...

- Open Doors. website [here](#).
- Barnabas Fun. Website [here](#).