

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from May 4, 2014 Herod's Repression Acts 12:1-5

Observing the text

Who was Herod? What do you know about him?

Who was James? What do you know about him?

Why was Herod seeking to please the Jews? What were the circumstances that now caused Herod to become involved in the persecution of Christians?

What was the difference between how James was treated and how Peter was treated? Why was this?

Applying the sermon

What should your attitude be toward an ungodly government leader?

Why are people reluctant to accept people who are different from them? Why is it so important for a church to welcome people of all kinds of backgrounds?

Why does God allow some people to be spared and others to suffer? How would you answer someone who would consider God to be unfair?

Evaluate your prayer life in terms of your fervency and your faith. How does your prayer life correspond to your profession of faith?