

# The Power of Earnest Prayer Discussion Questions

Acts 12:1-19

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1. Briefly share of a time when God answered your prayer. Could you believe His response?
2. Read John 15:20. Why does God allow us to be persecuted? What benefits can come from something so awful?
3. Read Matthew 20:20-22. What did Jesus mean by “Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?”
4. Why did the church members gather in one house to pray for Peter? What do you think they were asking God to do?
5. How has God answered your prayers in an unexpected way?
6. Read Luke 18:1-8. What does it mean “They ought always to pray and not lose heart?”
7. How has God given you peace during a time of turmoil?
8. How does the following verses give you peace, comfort, and confidence: Psalm 4:8, 121:4?
9. Who can you pray for that needs God’s peace? Take time to pray for them right now.
10. Read Psalm 34:7. What does this verse mean? What is the condition for this to take place?
11. What does it mean to fear the Lord?
12. How have you seen God’s power in your life?
13. What action in Peter’s escape from prison amazes you? Why?
14. Why does God only do the miraculous when it is absolutely necessary?
15. A servant girl is used to let the adults know Peter was there. How had God used a child to communicate His message to you?
16. When the adults saw Peter, they were amazed. They had a hard time believing their own eyes. Why did they have trouble believing God delivered Peter as they had prayed for?
17. Which of Rhoda’s six qualities do you need to emulate more?
18. Read Mark 9:24. Why did this man ask Jesus to help his unbelief? Do you feel the same way? Do you pray this prayer as well? How has God helped you with your unbelief?
19. Why is it so hard to trust God’s timing?
20. What does it mean to submit to God’s sovereignty? Why is this important?
21. What are you doing to be more faithful in praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ?