

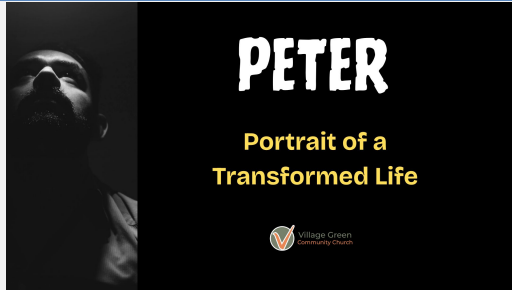
Life Group Study Notes

May 31, 2026

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Divinely Protected

Acts 12:1-19



In one of the more amusing stories in the New Testament, Peter is miraculously released from prison. As he arrives at the home where people are praying for his release, the shock and confusion remind us that even when confronted with a miracle, our first reaction is often doubt.

Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

1. What was one key takeaway or lesson from last week's study? Why is it meaningful for you?

Read Acts 12:1-19

2. Why did Herod arrest Peter after executing James?
3. What is the significance of this story being set in the context of the Passover, a time that celebrates God's deliverance of the Jewish people?

4. What does vs. 5 reveal about the church's response, and what lesson does it give for the church today, especially when human control is all but gone?
5. There are two comedic moments in this story, each with a profound lesson. The first is Peter sleeping and the angelic rescue? Why is Peter's sleep so surprising? (Some have noted that Peter sleeping is an intentional parallel to Jesus sleeping in the storm in Mark 4)
6. The second comedic moment is when Peter comes to the home where the believers are praying. Why do you think those who were praying struggled to believe Rhoda?
7. What lessons concerning prayer can be gleaned from this story, and how comforting is a story like this coming from the early church?
8. What does this story teach us about 1) God and the nature of sovereignty, and 2) the ongoing transformation of Peter?
9. Is there anything additional that you would like to add or discuss?

Personal Reflection

1. What would it take to trust God more deeply in times of uncertainty?

Coming Next Week

People Pleaser
Galatians 2:11-16
Part 9

A confrontation between Peter and Paul occurs during a pivotal moment in the early Christian community. This episode highlights the tension between Jewish and Gentile believers while underscoring the challenges of unity in the early church.

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Additional Notes



Peter: Portrait of a Transformed Life **10-Part Series**

Peter is often recognized for his strong personality and leadership qualities. He was the first disciple to proclaim Jesus as the Messiah. Though recognized for his role as a disciple of Jesus and a leader in the spread of Christianity to the world, his journey from fisherman to a revered Elder was not easy or uncomplicated. Join us as we discover how growing in faith is rarely a straight line and rarely without failure.

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