



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide
New Year Message – JC Groves
PARTICIPANT GUIDE

INTO THE WORD:

1) Read Acts 12:1-19

- a) In vs. 1-5, the circumstances surrounding Peter's imprisonment are given. Why did Herod arrest Peter with the intention to kill him?
- b) How was the church praying for Peter? Why do you think they were doing so?
- c) What do you think this type of miracle did for the church and for their faith in God? Do you think after Peter left they were grateful?
- d) How was the church focused on Jesus and His Kingdom vs. their circumstances in this passage?

APPLY THE WORD:

- 2) How do we focus on God rather on our circumstances, when our circumstances are troubling and when they drastically interfere with our lives?
- 3) How does thanksgiving and gratefulness affect our situation? Can you give an example of how it affected things for you?
- 4) How does prayer help us with worry and anxiety and stress?
- 5) What next step can you take this next week to focus more on Jesus? How can we help each other as a group in focusing on Him?

PRAYER TIME:

- Pray for each member of the group to focus more on Jesus.
- Each member pray this sentence prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to focus more on you and less on _____.