

The King's Servants

1. King Jesus Delivered Peter.

2. His Followers Are Normal People Serving a Great God.

3. How Are We Trusting King Jesus Today?

This passage is glorious in how it shows us the majesty of Jesus as King and the reality that we His people are saved only by His grace. What a relief it is to know Jesus is delivering us. What motivation for godly living to experience the freedom of being loved by God Himself. How can we together grow in our application of this liberating good news?

Luke 23: 42

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Hebrews 11: 13 – 16

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Acts—Series Overview

The Expansion of the Gospel Witness with Power

Acts records God’s faithful accomplishment of all that He promised in taking the gospel to the nations. It lays the groundwork for all that will take place as His Church awaits His return. Just as Jesus lived and spoke as the Father commanded, we now are called to do in the power of His Holy Spirit. While Jesus did this perfectly, we will strive imperfectly, constantly in need of the Holy Spirit’s direction, power, and correction. Nevertheless, our faithful God will work even through our failing efforts and His gospel witness through us will prevail and penetrate every nation, tribe, & territory. For the praise of our King!

Taking Gathered Worship Home

When lives are at stake, Jesus can be trusted. When His followers fail at every turn, Jesus can be trusted. He is King. He is redeeming us entirely by His grace and for His own glory. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ **Acts 12:11-17; First Corinthians 1:18-31; Jeremiah 9:23-24.** DISCUSS, How is King Jesus ruling and reigning in the Jerusalem church? How does His Kingdom differ from Herod's? What are the weapons of our warfare? PRAY "Lord King, we praise You as our King. We thank You for already winning the war against evil and death. Help us now to stand strong in Your truth and love."

Sunday Evening

Young Adults' Fellowship at **6:00** tonight in the FCCW library.

Monday

READ **Acts 12:11-17; Luke 23:39-43; John 18:33-37.** DISCUSS, What does it mean for Jesus to come into His Kingdom? How does this expression of faith encapsulate the Christian faith? What was Jesus' response? PRAY, "Jesus, You are our King. Thank You for loving us not because of what we've done, but because of who You are. Teach us to trust You with all our concerns every day."

Tuesday

READ **Acts 12:11-17; Second Timothy 4:1-5; Proverbs 29:14.** DISCUSS, What difference does it make that Jesus is the true King and Judge of all things? How does your life reflect that reality? Have you publicly confessed your allegiance to King Jesus? PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for protecting us and ruling over Your Kingdom expansion with grace and truth. Teach us to be faithful ambassadors of Your Kingdom."

Wednesday

READ **Acts 12:11-17; Hebrews 11:13-16; Psalm 22:19-24**. DISCUSS, Waiting is difficult. How does knowing Christ is King help us to wait patiently? How can we rest in Christ? PRAY, “Lord, we don’t understand Your ways, but we trust You. And yet we don’t. Help us. Teach us to trust You fully.”

Thursday

READ **Acts 12:11-17; Hebrews 11:32-40; Psalm 37:1-40**. DISCUSS, King Jesus will one day definitively put down all other rulers and be shown to be the only King. How are you waiting on that day? What is your confidence on this earth? PRAY, “Lord, Jesus, come quickly, Lord. Help us as we wait on You.”

Friday

READ **Acts 12:11-17; First Corinthians 1:18-31; Jeremiah 9:23-24**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? REJOICE if God has been generous to you in faith in Christ! PRAY for renewal and revival across our land.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both live-stream & in-person services are available.*

READ **Acts 12:1-30**. Invite others to join you for either the *live-stream or in-person service* tomorrow. Ask Jesus to help us love our neighbors well.

Jeremiah 9: 23 – 24

Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”