



Today's Topic:

A New Kingdom

Acts 12:19b-24

March 2, 2025

1. Searching for _____

"After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed. Then Herod went from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there. He had been quarreling with the people of Tyre and Sidon; they now joined together and sought an audience with him. After securing the support of Blastus, a trusted personal servant of the king, they asked for peace, because they depended on the king's country for their food supply" Acts 12:19b-20 (NIV, 2011)

2. Searching for _____

"On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died." Acts 12:21-23 (NIV, 2011)

3. Searching for _____

"But the word of God continued to spread and flourish." Acts 12:24 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps:

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Acts 12:19-20. What moved the locals to sue Herod for peace? What would that level of desperation feel like?
2. Read Acts 12:21-22. What would cause the people to respond in this way?
3. Read Acts 12:23. Why did God respond in this way?
4. Read Acts 24. Describe the distinctions between Herod's reign and God's reign.
5. What action can you take based upon your meditation on these verses?