SERMON BASED CURRICULUM

Viral: Word Gets Around

Acts 12:20-25 November 22 & 23, 2014
"Redefine Greatness" Pastor Josh Weidmann

LIFE UPDATES & PRAYER: Take some time to share life-updates and pray for each other.

BEFORE WE BEGIN: Is there a question, insight, or principle from the sermon that you want to make sure we discuss?

MY STORY:

What are you most proud of?

When have you seen a prominent public figure (athlete, actor, speaker, etc) exhibit pride?

A DEEPER LOOK: Read Acts 12:20-25 aloud and then answer the questions.

1. Also read Acts 12:1-4. How would you describe Herod as a ruler?

2. What was Herod's sin? Was it worthy of death? As a parallel example, read Daniel 4:28-33 and consider Nebuchadnezzar's sin as well.

3. Herod built up pride based on his earthly authority. But who actually establishes earthly authority? Read Romans 13:1 and I Peter 2:13.

4. Herod imprisoned Peter and killed James but verse 24 says that the word of God multiplied. How did the gospel spread despite persecution?

5. Who is the ultimate authority that deserves all glory in your life?

LIFE APPLICATION:

6. How should we respond to ungodly authority?

7. What are practical ways we can give God glory in our lives?