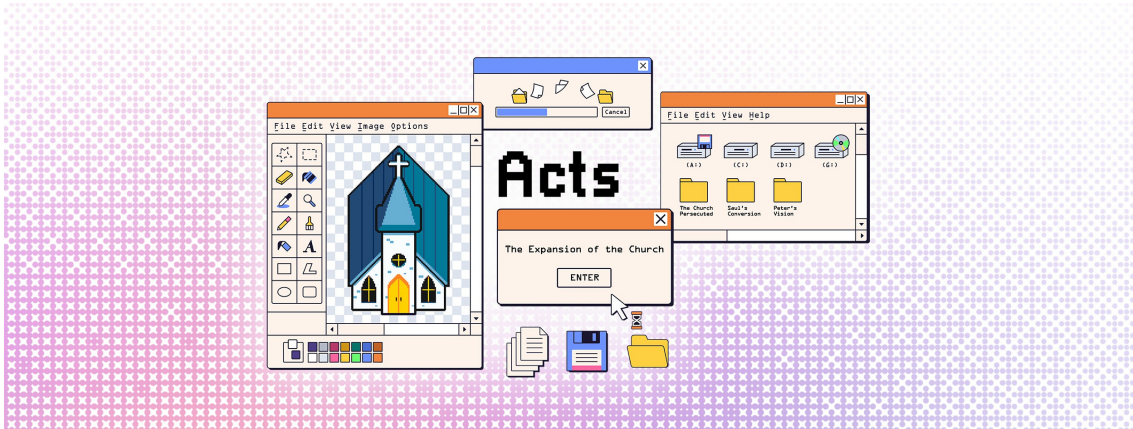




Acts - The Expansion of the Church - In the End, Christ Wins

Acts 12

Discussion Questions for June 7th, 2026

1. (Icebreaker) The Marks family went skiing together. What's your favorite ski story? If skiing isn't your thing, what's your favorite winter outdoor activity?
2. The theme of the message is, "In the end, Christ wins." What part of the sermon or passage most clearly illustrated that truth to you, and why?
3. **Point #1: Rest In Christ's Victory.** Peter sleeping during a stressful time is reminiscent of Jesus sleeping in the boat during a storm (on a cushion, no less, according to Mark 4:38). What do you think Peter understood about Jesus that enabled him to rest when most people would have been overwhelmed by fear?
4. **Point #2: Pray for Christ's Victory.** Would Peter have been released if the many gathered at the house of Mary had not been praying? Why or why not? Would Pastor Idu in the Congo have been spared execution if dozens in his church had not been praying? What if only one person from his church had been praying?
5. **Point #3: Death Cannot Stop Christ's Victory.** Many people would define "victory" as being rescued from suffering. Yet Acts 12 shows suffering and death in the context of something larger. How does the gospel redefine what true victory looks like for a Christian?
6. What are the key facts from Herod's final scene? At the beginning of Acts 12, Herod is victorious over the rising church by killing James and imprisoning Peter. What does the end of Acts 12 teach us about who is really victorious?
7. Pray together that our faith in Jesus' victory will impact our everyday lives, giving us strength in affliction and perseverance in suffering. May we pray with expectation of results, knowing that the ultimate story rests in God's hands

