

## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of February 21st

*\*\*Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at [gbcmt.org/sermons](http://gbcmt.org/sermons) or on the GBC App*

1. What do you see as your personal role in the fulfillment of the Great Commission? (Matt 28:16-20) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Read Acts 12:1-25. What was the main role of the church in this story? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. With the murder of the Apostle James fresh in his mind, how was Peter able to sleep in the Roman prison? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Why did God allow James to be killed but Peter to be rescued? (See Rom 11:33-36) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Read Isaiah 42:8. God killed Herod for stealing glory from God. How can we, as Christians, be guilty of the same thing? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. It is clear throughout the book of Acts that persecution causes the growth of the church. When persecution happens to us, even here in America, how should we respond? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Read 2 Tim 3:12 and John 15:18-21. Why does a righteous living lead to persecution? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Practical Theology:

8. How can the doctrine of the sovereignty of God be a comfort to someone who has recently been diagnosed with cancer? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### For Deeper Study:

9. Read Psalm 2. What is the main idea of this Psalm? Should this Psalm be spiritualized/allegorized or is there a literal meaning? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. In light of this week's truths, how do you plan to change? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Reminder: All-church potluck Friday evening at 6pm.

# YOU CAN'T STOP THE WORK OF GOD

Acts 12:1-25

(Global Outreach Conference 2016)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“You Can’t Stop the Work of God.”** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. If there is one thing that Acts 12:1-25 is saying, it is what?
2. The one who goes against the Lord is a what?
3. What has the fool said in his heart to God?
4. Herod, mentioned in Acts 12, is the grandson of whom?
5. The Herod of Acts 12 was the nephew of Herod Antipas who did what to John the Baptist?
6. Herod (Acts 12) decided to persecute the Christians so that he could get on the good side of whom?
7. Who was the first of the Apostles to be martyred?
8. Jews view Christianity as the worship of what?
9. When Herod wanted to stifle the church the first person he went after was whom?

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10. Compared to James, Peter was what?
11. By Acts 12:4, how many times had Peter been in prison?
12. 2 Timothy 2:9 tells us that the Word of God is not what?
13. What is something that Herod hadn't taken into account?
14. How does the word usage describe the way the church prayed?
15. How could Peter be sleeping so soundly at this point?
16. How was Peter delivered?
17. The John mentioned in verse 12 was whom?
18. The phrase, "beside yourself," is the Greek word from which we get what English word?
19. Who did the people in the prayer meeting think Peter was?
20. From this story, we get the impression that the people praying didn't expect what?
21. Who was the James in verse 17?
22. To say, "There was no small disturbance..." is another way of saying there was what?
23. Why did God allow James to be killed, but He rescued Peter?
24. Where do we find the ultimate answer for why God does what He does?
25. The people of Tyre and Sidon knew they could get on Herod's good side by doing what?
26. The Jewish historian, Josephus, says that the event of verse 21 took place during a festival honoring whom?
27. The people played to Herod's ego and called him what?
28. What's even more serious than resisting God, trying defeat God and trying to stop the work of God?
29. Doctor Luke knew that what happened to Herod was not just a normal physical illness, but was what?
30. When people try to defeat God, He does what?
31. Isaiah 45:9 says, "...Woe to him who..." does what?
32. Are you striving against God in any area of your life? Are you fighting God?
33. What happened to the Word of God after the event described in Acts 12:23?
34. What has worn out many hammers?
35. What is something that we don't need to do?
36. Are you faithful to the task that God called you to as a true believer in Christ?