

LIFE GROUPS

SERMON NOTES



When Life Gets Hard

Acts 12:1-19 March 12, 2023, Pastor Dustin Slezak

START TALKING | asking questions to get you thinking.

1. Why do you think God allows you to experience hardships and trials in life?
2. Describe a hardship or trial in the past that God has used to grow your faith.

START SHARING | asking questions that engage with the message.

3. Read Acts 12:1-5. Why did Herod have Peter arrested and put in prison, and why did Pastor Dustin say God allows these things to occur? See James 1:12.
4. Pastor Dustin said, "When life gets hard, God is growing your dependence on Him." In Acts 12:6-11, describe Peter's situation. See Isaiah 59:1. What do these passages teach us about God?
5. Read Acts 12:12-17. What did this reveal about the believers' faith? How does God use hardships in our lives? See 1 Peter 1:6-7.
6. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. How does God use hardships according to this passage?

START LIVING | asking questions that apply God's Word to daily life.

7. How has understanding God's sovereignty over all things in our lives caused your faith and trust in Him to grow?
8. What are some ways you can use your experiences through hardships and trials to serve or minister to others?