



## **“God of Closed Doors” - Acts 12:1-17**

**Sometimes, our experiences or situations can make it hard to believe God cares for us.**

Read the following scriptures and write a short description of how the author may be feeling in each:

Psalm 13:1-8

Psalm 44:9-26

Describe a time when it felt like God delayed in answering your prayer:

How would you encourage someone who is going through a similar situation?

**Peter didn't “put things together” until after the angel left. David gave an example of when he realized afterwards that God was working in a situation.**

Describe a situation in your life when you could not see God working until afterwards:

What would have been some advantages of knowing the result beforehand? What would be the disadvantages of having that knowledge sooner? What would you have missed out on if you knew the end of your story before you got there?

What lesson(s) does your story teach you that can be beneficial for future circumstances?

**According to Hebrews 11:1, faith is living as if the things we hope for have been fulfilled. In Acts 12, the believers prayed for Peter, yet did not act as if they expected God to answer their prayers.**

What have you been praying for in the last few weeks?

What would it look like to live out the assurance that God will answer your prayers?

**Pray for God to give you the courage to live out the assurance of your hope in Jesus. We encourage you to actually live out the assurance that God will answer your prayers and fulfill His word.**