

# Sermon Discussion (9/28/2025)

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The church is growing. The growth is occurring because of the courageous testimonies presented by the believers in the early church.

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## Title: Testify to Answered Prayer

### The Main Question: How do we testify to answered prayer?

#### Points to Consider

1. Pray.
2. Answer the door or knock on the door.
3. Believe it when you see it.

### Scripture References:

#### Acts 12:12–17 NIV

<sup>12</sup> When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. <sup>13</sup> Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. <sup>14</sup> When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" <sup>15</sup> "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." <sup>16</sup> But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. <sup>17</sup> Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

## Application Questions

- Describe your prayer life?
- What is it like?

### Love God / Invitation / Relationship

| We experience the love of God when we invite Him into our lives.

- Read [Acts 12:12-17](#).
- How are the disciples inviting God into their lives in this passage?
- What is the result?

### Find Freedom / Learning / Clarity

| Freedom is found when we learn a new way to think.

- Everyone in this passage is learning to think differently. What are the disciples learning to believe?
- How does the faithfulness of God set us free from fear?

### See God / Prayer / Affirmation

| It is much easier for us to “see” God when we are communicating with God. Prayer is how we communicate with God.

- What role does prayer play in this passage?
- Who is (has been) praying?
- Does it affect their ability to see God?
- How do they see God in this passage?

### Experience Healing / Serve Others / Opportunities

| The brokenness in our hearts begins to heal as we serve other people.

- How does Peter serve the disciples in Rhoda’s house?
- How have the disciples served Peter?

### Discover Joy / Gratitude / Community

| The more grateful we are the more joy we feel.

- How grateful is Rhoda?
- How do you know?
- Can you think of other examples in scripture where this happens?