1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.

- 2) Read 12:21-24 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Why should Christians expect opposition when seeking to advance the gospel?
- 5) How does God use martyrdom to advance the kingdom?
- 6) How does this passage illustrate God's inscrutable sovereignty?
- 7) How does this passage illustrate the importance of prayer?
- 8) What does this passage teach about God's peace?
- 9) How does this passage encourage us to bring large requests to the King?
- 10) What does it mean to be a self-exalter? How can we fight against the temptation to be one?
- 11) How does Herod's death highlight the centrality of the glory of God?
- 12) How does this passage provide believers with hope?
- 13) Read Romans 8:31–39 in light of this passage. Discuss.
- 14) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study. Pray specifically for opportunities to share the gospel this week.

<sup>\*</sup> Some of these questions taken from: Tony Merida, <u>Exalting Jesus in Acts</u> (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2017), 179.