

## THE GRASS WITHERS AND THE FLOWER FADES

*Acts 12:20-24 // October 31, 2021 AM*

**I. All flesh is like grass that withers (vv. 20-23).**

**II. But the word of our God will stand forever (v. 24).**

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Who was William Tyndale? What did he devote his life to? Why?
2. Why are the people of Tyre and Sidon coming to Herod?
3. How do both Herod and the people evidence that they have exalted man to an idolatrous position? How can we be tempted to fear man today?
4. Why is Herod struck down by an angel? What does it mean to “give God the glory”?
5. How does Luke draw a contrast between the death of Herod and the word of God in vv. 23-24? What is his point?
6. How does the Reformation in 16th century Europe demonstrate to us the same lesson of our text? What significance does this have for us in our current day as the church?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How does remembering the Reformation in the light of Acts 12:20-24 serve to steel my soul with courage in the present?
2. Do I view humans, even the greatest and most powerful, as mortals who are entirely dependent upon Christ for life and breath and everything?
3. Do I imbibe the courageous, cross-bearing spirit of the apostles and reformers? Or do I cling to present comforts more than to the word?