



# G R O U P

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### W A R M U P

Read Matt. 14:1-12. How had John incurred Herod's wrath? Why did John say that to such a powerful leader? What does this show us about John's character?

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### A S K

- Read Matt. 14:1-2. What powerful political figure heard about all the things Christ was doing? What explanation did Herod have for the miracles Christ was doing?
- Read Matt. 14:1-2 and compare this account to the parallel gospel accounts of this event found in Mark 6:14-17 and Luke 9:7-9. Are there any differences? If so, what are they?
- Read Matthew 14:1-5. What had Herod wanted to do to John but didn't? Why did Herod the tetrarch think that Jesus was John the Baptist resurrected?
- Read Matt. 14:1-12 and Mark 6:14-29. Why did Herod offer to give Herodias' daughter whatever she asked? Why did he make such a vow? Would he have really given her half the kingdom? If so, why?
- When John's disciples found out he had been murdered by Herod, what did they do? How should we do likewise when we experience extremely difficult situations (Matthew 14:12)?

### P R A Y