

Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion

Getting Started

1. Imagine being called by a friend that you haven't heard from in a long time. Your friend invites you to dinner. You are excited as you imagine a great time of catching up on each other's lives. You prepare by thinking through the major events of your life since you last saw your friend. You even bring some pictures. Once you arrive at dinner, you realize that your friend invited you to hear a sales pitch for a new business and she is not really interested in catching-up with you. How would you handle this situation emotionally? Physically? Do you have a story of unmet expectations in your own life? Explain.
2. What one point sticks out in your mind from last week's sermon?

Going Deeper

3. Find 1-2 verses where Jesus states his purpose here on earth. What do these verses assert?
4. Read Matthew 16:21-28. How did Peter's agenda differ from Jesus' agenda?

5. Summarize Jesus' response to Peter.
6. Read Acts 2:14-41. What aspects in this sermon demonstrate that Jesus' agenda finally took hold in Peter's life?
7. Read Matthew 26:6-16 and 27:3-10. How did Judas' agenda differ from Jesus' agenda?
8. Summarize Jesus' response to Judas.
9. What evidence do we see that Judas did not yield his agenda to Jesus' agenda?
10. What were the results of living in the light?
11. Is there a sin or aspect in your life where you know that the Holy Spirit is telling you that you are not aligned with God's agenda? How are you responding to it?
12. In which ways are you tempted to demand that God entertains you or lives up to your desires and demands?

13. There are nine excellent questions to ask every time we study a passage of Scripture. Some of them will apply to one passage while others will apply to another. Pick one of these questions to answer based upon this sermon and your study.

Is there an example for me to follow?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to claim?

Is there a prayer to repeat?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a condition to meet?

Is there a verse to memorize?

Is there a doctrine to believe?

Is there a challenge to face?

14. What attribute of God emerges from these passage? Make sure to worship God for that attribute in your time of prayer.

For Deeper Application

Sharing from this section is much more personal and is always voluntary. Only share the answer to this question if you feel comfortable doing so.

15. Can you think of a time when you ignored God working through your conscience and you later regretted it? What are you doing to prevent that from happening again?



**Vantage Point:
Herod**

Mark 6:14-28; Luke 9:7-9; Luke 23:6-12
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I. The Life of Herod

A. Herod's Rise to the Throne

B. Herod and John the Baptist

C. Herod and Jesus

II. Herod Before Jesus