

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGE - Matthew 14

**1** At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, **2** and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." **3** For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.[a] **4** because John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." **5** And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. **6** But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod, **7** so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. **8** Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." **9** And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. **10** He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, **11** and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. **12** And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus...

...**28** And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." **29** He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. **30** But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." **31** Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" **32** And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. **33** And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**Other Passages:** Psalm 27, Prov. 9:10, Prov. 29:25

**Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

**Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

***Learning from Herod***

What does it mean to not be like Herod?

What attitudes or behaviors of Herod is Matthew urging us to avoid?

In what ways do we reject the message and teaching of Christ in our lives?

***Learning from John***

Do we submit to the authority of Christ in all matters of truth and practice?

Are we exercising faith regularly by trusting God in spite of circumstances?

***Learning from Andrew***

Are you willing to risk what you have to see God do a miracle?

Has God given you any opportunities lately to exercise faith? How have you responded?

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**