

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 5: Impossible to Possible
Episode 2: Death of John the Baptist
June 4 & 7, 2026
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Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. **But there's no need to answer every question.** The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper.

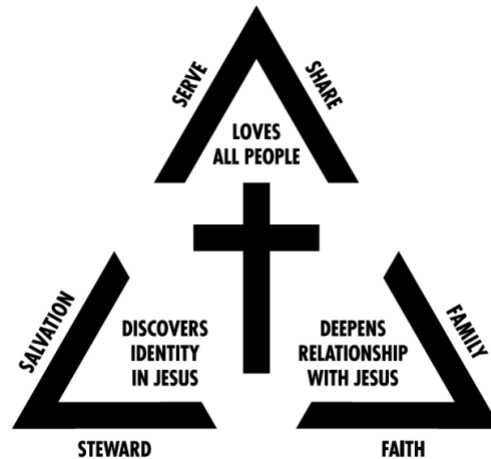
- Read Matthew 14:1-12. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?
- **Discover:** How does the text demonstrate that Herod was conflicted about the death of John the Baptist?
Deepen: Share a time when the shame of unrepented sin led you to write your own version of the truth. Where are you currently experiencing internal conflict?
- What two factors did Pastor One share to show that the “fear of man” held too much weight in Herod’s life?
- What reckless promises or oaths have you made that you need to renounce?
- Who are you trying to please more than following the Word of God?
- Pastor One shared that evil did not show up to the party, but that it was already waiting in the room. What dormant areas of brokenness such as unforgiveness, grief, lust, or jealousy are you ignoring that may be fermenting?
- Read Isaiah 40:1-5 and Malachi 3:1-5. What is the prophetic tradition reflected in the life of John the Baptist?
- **Discover:** John the Baptist passed away with only silence and a grave, though he was faithful to his calling. What “quiet arrangement” do you have with God in your heart that may not be based in His Word or His promises but on your actions?
Deepen: Where in your life have you stopped expecting God to move? (e.g. “If I am faithful, God will keep me from pain.” Or “God will change His mind and open this closed door if I stand in front of it long enough.”)
- Read Hebrews 4:15-16. How does this text and the death of John the Baptist impact what we can/should expect as faithful followers of Jesus?

Action Step: Ask the Holy Spirit to help you continue to renounce and repent of the reckless oaths of the tongue and quiet arrangements of the heart that you confessed in group and to replace those things with the peace and grace of Christ.

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