

PREACHING CURRICULUM

SIMPLY FOLLOWING JESUS – MARK 6:1-13

NO GUARANTEE OF SAFETY

'...truth both offends and convicts, people can be simultaneously repulsed and drawn by truth...' vs 20

John called them out... and lost his head.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Reread Mark 6:14-29

What was Herod a king of, and what exactly was he offering to Herodias's daughter? _____

What are some of the blatant sins that led Herod down this path of sorrow and destruction? _____

Why then, is it so important to allow truth to prevail, and to call sin sin? _____

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Have there been occasions where you have hidden your true allegiance, and if so, why? _____

How did you feel afterward? _____

Have you ever taken a stance for truth, and shown clearly where your true allegiance lies? What was the outcome? _____

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Herod first killed God's messenger of truth, and ultimately the Saviour Jesus...the irony; the fake arrogant king kills the Real Humble King...

How do the hints of trouble to come for Jesus and his followers (us) help us watch out for the corruption of earthly authorities and understand the mindset of the ungodly? _____

What do we need to do to avoid ending up serving our own needs in order to save face as Herod did? _____

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Something to consider: '...would I be willing to die for the truth of Jesus...?'

Will you commit to defending and standing for the truth this week? What is the first step?