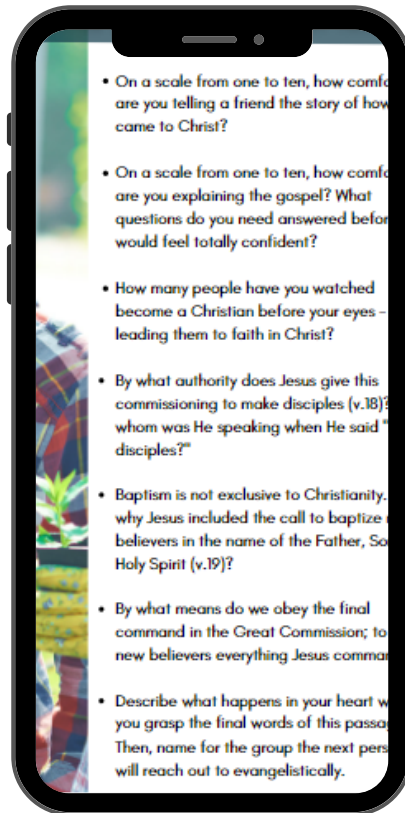


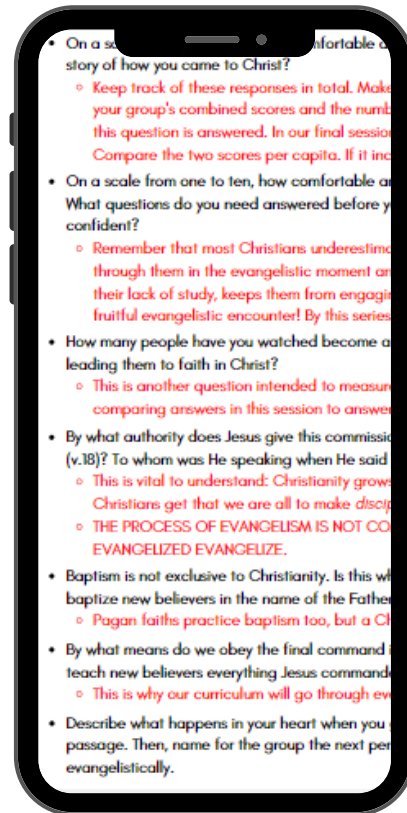
# LEADERS

HERE IS HOW YOU USE THIS  
GUIDE:

**What your group members see:**



**What you see:**



The **RED** text is coaching, direction, and suggested phrasing that only you see.

# Fulfillment

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW FOR GROUPS

## GROUP OR FAMILY SESSION 11

1. Watch the sermon titled: "*Parables & Prophecy*" on the Jesse Campbell Ministries YouTube Channel;
2. Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family with these honest questions;
3. Dive deeper into the text through Devotions 522-527 ([podcast](#)/[video](#)) and share them with the one you're discipling.



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# GROUP/FAMILY SESSION 11

## MATTHEW 14:1-12

This Week's Sermon expositors Matt 13:24-43

Devotions 522-527 (podcast/video) cover Matt. 13:44-14:16

More resources can be found at: [jessecampbellministries.com](http://jessecampbellministries.com)

### ICE-BREAKER IDEA:

Walter and Peg had their fanny packs ready. Their neck pillows were fastened to the tops of their matching roll-aboard suitcases. They used their selfie stick for a photo to post on Facebook halfway up the gangway. After Peg scrutinized Walter's stripe of SPF 50 sunblock on his nose, the two continued their way up the ramp to board what they thought was a cruise ship, but would very quickly turn out to be the U.S.S. Momsen.

### CONTEXT:

- Herod the Great ruled 37-4 B.C. and we know him from the Christmas story. He lied to the wise men and had the young boys of Bethlehem slaughtered in pursuit of Jesus.
- Herod Archelaus ruled 4 B.C.-A.D. 6 and was the reason Joseph refused to bring Mary and Jesus back to Bethlehem. He was replaced by Pontius Pilate.
- Herod Antipas ruled 4 B.C.-A.D. 39 and was married to Herodias. Jesus called him "the fox" in Luke 13:32. This is the Herod we study today. He and Pilate joined forces for Jesus' sham of a trial leading up to the crucifixion (Luke 23:12).
- Herod Philip the Tetrarch ruled 4 B.C.-A.D. 34. He married Herodias's daughter Salome who was also his niece.
- Herod Agrippa I ruled A.D. 37-44 and was grandson to the first Herod. He imprisoned Peter and was eaten by worms, found in Acts 12.
- Herod Agrippa II ruled across the second half of the first century A.D. He worked with Festus to interview Paul in Acts 25. When Paul shared the gospel with him, he responded, "Are you going to persuade me to become a Christian so easily?" (Acts 26:28)
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### THE BIG IDEA OF THE TEXT:

Herod the Tetrarch's fear of the crowd drove him to do something he did not want to do - have John the Baptist beheaded.



# NOTES

## CONNECTING THIS SESSION TO THE SERMON

John the Baptist's life did not turn out the way one likely would have imagined, based strictly on the prophecies surrounding his birth. It seemed like the man miraculously born late in life to a High Priest of Israel and a godly mother; pre-announced by a physically visible angel; beginning his ministry before even being born would be surrounded by hordes of rabidly loving and loyal followers en masse. Instead, it ended this way.

Both John the Baptist's life, *AND* the parables of Jesus' teachings were foreknown by God. They happened *exactly* the way God knew they would before the world began.

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## BIBLICAL TEXT (CSB)

**Matthew 14:1** At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus. 2 “This is John the Baptist,” he told his servants. “He has been raised from the dead, and that’s why miraculous powers are at work in him.”

3 For Herod had arrested John, chained him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, 4 since John had been telling him, “It’s not lawful for you to have her.” 5 Though Herod wanted to kill John, he feared the crowd since they regarded John as a prophet.

6 When Herod’s birthday celebration came, Herodias’s daughter danced before them and pleased Herod. 7 So he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. 8 Prompted by her mother, she answered, “Give me John the Baptist’s head here on a platter.” 9 Although the king regretted it, he commanded that it be granted because of his oaths and his guests. 10 So he sent orders and had John beheaded in the prison. 11 His head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother. 12 Then his disciples came, removed the corpse, buried it, and went and reported to Jesus.

## APPLYING OUR LIVES TO THE TEXT TOGETHER:

- In verses 1-2, Herod tries to explain that Jesus was just John the Baptist resurrected. How do we see our world explaining God's Work incorrectly for its own purposes?
  - Our world works its hardest to re-explain God's Word and His work. Satan did it in the Garden of Eden to deceive humanity of God's goodness in His law. Help your group discuss the places they see people and movements that seek to undermine God's clear truth and design for our lives.
- John the Baptist boldly spoke against King Herod's brother's incestuous and unlawful marriage. Where are we most afraid to speak God's truth to our culture for fear of the cost?
  - John the Baptist spoke consistently and clearly about the sins of Herod's Family. It eventually cost him his life. Indeed, there was fear John had to overcome. Help your group deeply consider what makes us most hesitant to boldly speak God's truth when standing against our world's sinful choices.
- Like John the Baptist, we live in an immoral culture that needs the mighty truth of God. Where does our culture need to hear God's truth the most?
  - As we identify areas of our culture that need God's unashamed truth, we must approach them with the grace and truth of God. The reason we speak God's truth boldly is so that our world can see the love of God as they see the holiness of God. We are fighting for people, not against them.
- Herod was a puppet king with little power while trying to make much of himself. Where in our lives are we tempted to make much of ourselves rather than Jesus?
  - It is part of our sinful nature to make much of ourselves. That is the very root of sin. None of us are above this temptation. Help each group member evaluate and honestly speak into each other's lives.
- Herod's choice to fear people and make an unwise oath led to murder and regret. Where are we most vulnerable to the fear of man and making unwise commitments?
  - Some of the biggest mistakes come from fearing people rather than God. Help your group reflect on Herod's actions, their results, and how we can avoid making decisions in life based on the fear of God rather than man.

# THE TAKEAWAY

SO WHAT, CHURCH?

BEHOLDING JOHN THE BAPTIST'S LIFE AND DEATH, WE ARE PREPARED TO FACE SUFFERING BECAUSE OF OUR CHRISTIAN TESTIMONIES. THINGS MAY NOT TURN OUT HOW WE HOPE IN THIS LIFE, BUT THE LEAST OF US ON EARTH IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Keep a journal of prayers prayed and answered, ask for updates on the Non-Christians each Christian in the group is sharing the gospel with, and invite each member of the group whether Christian or Non-Christian to take their next steps in the discipleship process. **Be sure to keep record of attendance!**

POINT OUT THE LINKS AT THE BOTTOM TO YOUR GROUP. ENCOURAGE  
THEM TO USE THESE PODCASTS AS DISCIPLESHIP CONTENT FOR THEIR  
ONE-ON-ONE DISCIPLESHIP RELATIONSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK  
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# FOR PARENTS:

## How to Show Your Kids Jesus in This Passage

All Scripture points to Jesus. Here is how you can take what God showed you in this text and disciple your child with it. You don't need a seminary degree and you don't need to be perfect. Just point to Jesus. He is perfect.



The world we live in makes much of itself. It teaches our kids and us to put everything before Christ. We have to decide as Christ's followers to make much of our savior instead of ourselves. The decisions you make to put lesser things (sports, academics, hobbies, work, etc.) ahead of Christ are the most significant discipleship decisions you will make with your kids. Instruct your children by helping them see and interpret the things in our culture that opposes Christ, and teach them how to lovingly and boldly speak against evil while sharing the Gospel. When we live to make much of Christ, it will cost us temporarily, but it will send shockwaves through eternity.

TO COVER THE SUBSEQUENT SCRIPTURE IN DAILY DEVOTIONS 522-527:

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