

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with  
one another in our homes

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Text: Mark 6:14-29

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Questions: John Brewer

Mark 6: 14-29 discusses how many people, including King Herod, thought that Jesus was a reincarnation of John the Baptist. Mark tells the story of John the Baptist and King Herod, ending with John's brutal death. John had crossed Herod and Herod's wife Herodias, by proclaiming that it was unlawful for them to be together. Herodias had been married to and then divorced Herod's brother. After dancing and pleasing the king, Herodias' daughter, at the behest of her mother, asked for John's head on a platter. While "exceedingly sorry," Herod complied to save face in front of his guests.

1. Ted's main point was that we should be signposts in the world. Where does this charge originate in scripture? Reference Genesis 1:26-31.
2. A common objection that the world hurls at Christians is something like "even Jesus said you shouldn't judge" in reference to the sermon on the mount (Matthew 7:1). In what ways are we called to judge (or discern)? What's the difference? Reference Matthew 7:15-20, 1 Tim 3:14-15, and Philippians 4:8.
3. God often reiterates the command to be holy (Leviticus 19:2, 20:7, & 20:26, & 1 Peter 1:16). How do we attain the holiness that God demands? Reference 2 Corinthians 5:21.
4. Jesus and John the Baptist were clearly confrontational. Ted stated that we are also confrontational by association. What is the root of this controversy? Reference John 15:18-25.
5. Ted cited Kent Hughes saying, "John lost his head, but kept his conscience, Herod kept his head but lost his conscience." What is the basis of our "conscience" and why is keeping it so important? Reference Psalm 1.
6. Read 1 Peter 2:9-12. How can we be productive signposts in our modern society?