

# COMMUNITY GROUP

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

November 2/3

### WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

**PURPOSE:** *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

### DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

**WARMUP:** *What unique hobby/interest do you have today that would surprise the younger version of yourself? Why?*

**SET THE STAGE:** *Our passage today tells the gruesome story of the brutal murder of John the Baptist. John was a very important figure and served as a prophetic transition from the old covenant to the new covenant in Christ. He was the forerunner for Jesus, the one who helped prepare the way for Him to publicly announce that His kingdom had arrived. Not long after Jesus' baptism, John is taken into custody for telling the truth about Herod Antipas' affair and marriage to his sister-in-law Herodias. John's prophetic role led him to tell the truth about this sin, and it ended up costing him his life. Following Jesus promises us many good things, but we are also repeatedly told that suffering plays a significant role in our faith.*

**STORY or READ THE PASSAGE:** *Mark 6:14-29*

**HEAD QUESTIONS:** Herod believed that Jesus was John raised from the dead. What false ideas do people about Jesus today, and why do they believe them?  
What biblical truths do powerful people today want to silence?  
What does John's suffering and death tell us about following Jesus today?

**HEART QUESTIONS:** Do you have a role to confront sin as a follower of Jesus? How do you determine when, where, and how to do that in relationship to the people in your life?  
What different types of suffering have you encountered because of your faith in Jesus? Is there a next step of obedience in your faith you have not followed through with because it might make others angry?

**HANDS QUESTIONS: BLESS**

What person in your life needs a prophet like John the Baptist to speak truth to them?  
What would it cost you if you played that role in their life?

### TAKEAWAY

### CLOSING PRAYER