

Sermon Notes:

Passage: Mark 6:14-29

This is a story about the influence of a mother and wife. A story where we get a little detail, but not all the juicy inside details. You can use your imagination as to what is going on here behind the scenes.

Herod Antipas was the son of Herod the Great. When Herod the Great died the area that he ruled in Judea was split up and part of it was given to Antipas. Antipas early on married a Nabatean princess, but later on met the wife of his half brother Philip. Her name was Herodias (granddaughter of Herod). He fell in love with her and they decided to both divorce their current spouses to marry one another. So Herod ends up marrying his brother's wife.

You get the feeling from this passage that Antipas actually respects John and doesn't want to do any harm to him. He is a conflicted man in regards to what He knows is right versus his own desires and the pressures he is feeling from His wife.

1. Wives, you have amazing influence on your husbands.

Herodias is not pleased to just have John arrested she wants him eliminated. She wants the influence of John taken away.

Herodias is willing to use her daughter to accomplish her desires in this matter.

2. Mother's you have the honour to influence your children and the responsibility to put them in a place to succeed.

even in the frustration of parenting mother's have more influence than what you realize. We make decisions every day that will influence and effect our kids long term in either a positive or negative manner.

Herod put himself in a compromising situation that day allowing him to be influenced in a way that forced his hand to do something he knew was wrong.

-Herod gave into his passions

-Herod cared more about what his wife and friends thought than what he knew was right.

3. Giving in to temptation and pressure leads to Regret

Within every man or person there is a battle as to **what they know is right**
what their sinful nature desires
and **the desire to please those around them**

Spill the Tea: Study Notes

Herod Antipas and Herodias are two people that strived for **happiness, influence, power and meaning in this life**. I think they were pretty disappointed.

John the Baptist submitted his life to God and without even seeking it ended up with all the things that Antipas and Herodias were searching for.

Life Group Discussion

(feel free to use any or all of these questions)

Warm Up:

1. What is a quirky or unusual fear that you have?
2. Would you rather always be 10 minutes late or always be 20 minutes early?

Study & Discussion:

Read together: Mark 6:14-29

What was the reaction of the region at large to Jesus? What was Herod's conclusion? Why might he have thought this?

Why did Herod offer to give Herodias' daughter whatever she asked? Why would he make such a vow?

What were some of the driving forces for Herod to make the decisions that he did?

What are some life lessons you can grab from this story?

Read together: Matthew 14:13

What was Jesus reaction to the death of John? What does this tell you about Jesus from watching his reaction?

Prayer:

1. Pray for each others individual needs? Also.....
2. Is there someone outside the group you would like prayer for?