

Sermon Discussion Guide:

# The Death of Herod

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Scripture: **Acts 12:20–25**

Series: **The Spirit & The Church**

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## OVERVIEW

Have you ever stopped to wonder, “what is my purpose in life?” Have you ever asked a family member, friend or colleague what their objective in life is? It’s an unsettling thought to not know or understand our goal in this life. We, as believers, need to know and be intentional of our true purpose—that **all people are created to glorify God and enjoy him forever.**

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## CORROBORATING TEXTS

Romans 11:36; 1 Peter 2:12; Ezekiel 18:4; Psalm 82:8; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Psalm 37:4; Psalm 32:11; Psalm 33:1; Romans 3:23; John 17:4

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the historical part of the sermon (Acts 12:20-23), we see the account of Herod's sin and God's judgment. What is the sin that causes God to take swift action? Have you or have you seen others take credit for the work of God, instead of giving glory to God? How can we guard ourselves from self exaltation?
2. Why was the judgment placed on Herod a fair one? Herod was definitely not the first in the bible to demonstrate a hard heart, haughtiness or self exaltation. See Romans 11:36; Ezekiel 18:4 and Psalm 82:8, Daniel 4:28-37.
3. What does it mean to glorify God? *[to willingly honor & praise God as the only one worthy of worship, through faith and obedience]* How do we do so—to bring glory to God?
4. Why is it so important for the believer to glorify God? See 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.
5. We believe in Christ at the core, believe in what He has done, His sacrifice, but what is the difference between believing or trusting in God, versus believing and trusting God? Is this distinction important?
6. Did you glorify God today in your walk with Him? Did you do it perfectly? What is the good news for the Christian—the hope in our intentionality to glorify God?