

Light of the World



PART 2: Herod the not so Great

INTRODUCTION

Maybe you wandered away from the church. Maybe the church pushed you away. You lost interest. You got busy. You got hurt. You thought you were done with God forever. But then you started to miss the peace. Despite everything you had experienced, you sensed a light out there. The doubt, the anger, the disappointment with God, the sin, and the shame didn't put out the light. And here you are in church again. How did that happen?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some ways you connect with your heavenly Father during the Christmas season? Why are those ways helpful for you?
2. What are some things that cause people to drift away from God and the church?
3. Talk about a time when you felt distant from God. What were some of the factors that caused you to feel disconnected?
4. During the message, Jason said, "I think there's a little King Herod in all of us." In what ways are you tempted to focus on building your own kingdom instead of participating in God's kingdom?
5. What are some obstacles to you fully surrendering to Jesus? What would it take for you to overcome those obstacles?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to engage or reengage with Jesus? What can this group do to support you?

MOVING FORWARD

What will your story be in relation to the light of the world? Do you want to build your kingdom or participate in God's kingdom? Do you want to cling to what you can't keep or surrender what wasn't yours to begin with? Do you want your way or his way. There is good news: the darkness has not put out the light of life in you. Take a step to reengage or engage for the first time with the light of the world.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4-5