

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

We tend to define things both by what they are and what they are not. Herod was very definitely not the kind of king Jesus came to be. By showing us Herod's powerlessness, Mark invites us to consider the true power of Christ the King.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## Sunday

READ **Mark 6:14-29; 10:13-16; Acts 4:23-31; First Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 11:30-33; Psalm 22:1-31**. DISCUSS Why does Mark spend so much time on Herod and John the Baptist? How do Herod's deficiencies as king highlight Jesus' power? SERVE someone in need. MEDITATE on **First Peter 1:3-5**. PRAY "Jesus, thank You for being the King we can trust. We praise You and bow before You as our King."

## Monday

READ **Mark 6:14-29; Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 22:1-31**. DISCUSS How did the apostles present Jesus as the King of Kings to whom all the kings of the nations were opposed? How are you serving King Jesus today? SERVE someone with the love of Christ! MEDITATE on **First Peter 1:3-5**. PRAY, "Jesus, You alone are the King of Kings. Teach us how are loyalty to You comes first and how to live that out in community."

## Tuesday

READ **Mark 6:14-29; 10:13-16; Psalm 22:1-31**. DISCUSS How is Christ's reign different from earthly kings? In what areas have you allowed Your loyalty and allegiance to Christ to grow cold? SERVE by considering someone else's needs *above your own!* MEDITATE on **First Peter 1:3-5**. PRAY, "Lord God, You are our rightful King and Master. Please show us ways that we have been disloyal to You and how we might serve you with joyful fidelity. Thank You for Your delight in us because of Christ. Encourage us to love You and one another faithfully."

### Wednesday

READ **Mark 6:14-29; First Timothy 6:11-16; Psalm 22:1-31**. DISCUSS How are you fighting the good fight? What are ways that you need to be more vigilant in your service to Christ? How are you praying for others at FCCW? MEDITATE on **First Peter 1:3-5**. PRAY, “Lord, thank You for blessing us with our neighbors, co-workers, & family members. Please teach us to love them as You love us. Enable us to serve You joyfully.”

### Thursday

READ **Mark 6:14-29; Luke 11:30-33; Psalm 22:1-31**. DISCUSS How does Jesus in this passage in Luke differ from other kings? What good can children do for their king? How does this encourage You to serve Christ with joy? SERVE by demonstrating God’s tenderness! MEDITATE on **First Peter 1:3-5**. PRAY, “Jesus, thank You for enabling us to serve You. We know that you do not need us, but delight to have us working alongside You in faith.”

### Friday

READ **Mark 6:14-29; 10:13-16; Acts 4:23-31; First Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 11:30-33; Psalm 22:1-31**. DISCUSS How has the Holy Spirit been guiding you *this week through these passages*? MEDITATE on **First Peter 1:3-5**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *be transformed together by God’s Word through Mark*.

### Saturday

PREPARE for *gathered worship tomorrow*. READ **Mark 6:1-56**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the **9:30** worship service. Ask Jesus to *especially knit us together in the unity we have in Him*.

## Meditate on First Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be *born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.