

## **Acts 12 “Herod and Glory”**

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20 Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain,[b] they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. 21 On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. 22 And the people were shouting, “The voice of a god, and not of a man!” 23 Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

24 But the word of God increased and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

“He did not give God the glory.”

Romans 1:19-21

19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Plagiarism.

Pride is the tireless and unending pursuit of self importance.

Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.

Healed by a greater glory.

1 Peter 5:6

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.

Two weights.

The gospel tells us that the greatest glory is to give away your glory.

### **Life Group Discussion Questions**

- What did God say to you through His Word during our Sunday gathering?
- Through your years in school, did you know anyone that got in trouble for plagiarism? Why is that a big deal?
- In what ways can we live plagiaristic lives?
- Luke says that Herod died because he did not give glory to God. How are you processing this detail? What does giving glory to God mean and why is that a life and death issue?
- If a prideful pursuit of self important is the problem, what is the remedy?
- Read Proverbs 29:25. Is there a fear or approval-need relationship in your life that feels like a snare?
- Can you describe the shift in your life from self significance to being more amazed at the significance of Jesus? What has helped create that change? How have you experienced new freedom?
- How can you Life Group help you apply this passage to your life this week?