

FORECLOSURE – PART 3
“Herod’s Story”
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SHARPEN THE POINT

For further study of today's message

Herod's Story – Matthew 2

Herod thought Jesus was foreclosing on his kingdom.

How did Herod respond...

... He MISUSED people (vv. 4-6)

... He MISLED people (vv. 7-8)

... He MISTREATED people (v. 16)

How have I misused, misled, and mistreated
people in my life?

The Bottom Line is...
If you live to protect YOUR kingdom,
you end up rejecting HIS!

ENTRY POINT: Herod was a prideful, arrogant tyrant. He used his power to evil ends. He feigned interest in the Baby Jesus because he perceived Him to be a threat to his kingdom... not so he could worship Him as he told his followers. Read Matthew, Chapter 2.

Think of a time you have done or said what appeared to be the honorable thing for the wrong reason(s). What was the result?

Many times, things that make us happy are not lasting. What is it that gives you true happiness? Do you seek it in the accumulation of “things” for your kingdom, or in abiding in Christ? Discuss the difference.

How does your happiness relate to your faith? Is your life about building up the Kingdom of God, or your own?

God is seeking a relationship with you? What about your life shows your faith in His promises and your trust in His processes?

“...and He will give you all you need from day to day

if you live for Him and

make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.”

Matthew 6:33