

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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10/16/16 - "Pride"



MONTEREYCHURCH

WELCOME: What's your favorite rainy-day activity?

WORSHIP: [Worship Playlist](#)

WORD: Read Acts 12:19-24

Herod of Agrippa was positioned perfectly physically, politically, and spiritually to glorify God. He was seated in royal robes that would shimmer as the sun rose upon him to speak to a captivated crowd. This was a massively prideful moment used to exalt himself. He was immediately struck down by God in that moment - cut to the heart, stripped of his pride, and humiliated instead.

What part of this particular sermon stuck out to you, and why?

In what ways may it look like the world is strong, and the church is weak?

How can you identify with Herod in this passage (e.g., exalt self, etc.)?

Pastor Bryan defined insanity as, "Believing God can't see, hear, care, or exist."
How can this way of thinking cause us to justify our actions and live independently of God?

How can we fight the very natural desire to exalt ourselves? What does true humility look like to you?

Discuss the differences between worldly and spiritual pride.

What does it mean to you to hear "crisis is our friend"?

Read 2 Cor. 12:7

What "thorn" might you be carrying in your side that keeps you from becoming prideful?

WITNESS: Giving someone the opportunity to hear and respond to the good news of Christ could start with a simple invitation to your dGroup. *Is there a person the Lord has laid on your heart to invite this week?*