



## Discussion Guide for “The Christmas Grinch”

### *I'll Be Home for Christmas Week 6*

There's one person in the Christmas story we don't like to talk about - the guy who tried to kill Jesus, and in the process visited an atrocity on the families of Bethlehem. That's right: Herod the Great, the original Christmas Grinch. But is it possible we have more in common with Herod than we might think? Is it possible that we're grinchier than we realize? Join us for New Year's Day (and the 8th day of Christmas) as we explore how we can begin our new year taking our call to follow Jesus more seriously!

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is Matthew 2:1-18.

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Who is your favorite Christmas bad guy? Why?
2. When you think of Herod, what comes to mind? Why?
3. Did this sermon shed new light on Herod? Explain.
4. How did Herod compromise? How was this evidence of a lack of faith?
5. Are there places in your life you feel the urge to compromise in the name of keeping the peace? Where might God be inviting you deeper into faithfulness?