



## Can't stand the idea of someone else becoming King over your life?

# Message Notes

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The control desire began in the Garden of Eden.

The striving for control escalates.

The solution to striving to control is surrender.

The cycle of control has been paid for by Jesus.

### SCRIPTURE

*Micah 5:2-5a; Matthew 2:1-18; Genesis 3:4-5; Luke 22:39-46; Isaiah 9:6-7*

# Discussion Guide

## ENGAGE

1. Share a time when you tried to control a situation in your life. What were the results? What in your life are you trying to control right now?
2. Read Matthew 2: 1-18. What thoughts come to mind as you read Herod's escalation to control?
3. Read Luke 22:39-46. What speaks to you as you read Jesus words, "yet not My will, but Yours be done."
4. Share why you think it is so difficult to move from striving to surrender. If applicable share about a time you stopped striving and moved into surrender.
5. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. Share how this verse speaks into your life today?

## APPLY

Identify and write down an area or areas of your life where you are striving instead of surrendering. Then go into prayer and ask the Holy Spirit's direction for specific Scripture to pray over those areas. Continue to pray over these areas on a daily basis and engage others in your group to pray with you to break the cycle of control in your life.

## PRAY