

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 14, 2015

Passage: Mark 6:1-6

Memory Passage: Mark 6:4

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 6:1-6.** Which town is Jesus’ “hometown” (cf. Mark 1:9, 24)?
- (b) Why do you think He went home?
- (c) In Mark’s first 5 chapters, what has been the overwhelming response to Jesus? From where has His opposition come?
- (d) Think of a time you returned home after living somewhere else, such as Christmas break after your first semester in college, your first visit home after getting your first job or being married, or returning for a 10, 20, or 30 year class reunion. What was it like? What expectations did you have that were met? Unmet? How were you received? What changed and what stayed the same? How had you changed?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 6:1-6.** Is the astonishment exhibited in v. 2 the same as or different than the astonishment in 1:22? Explain.
- (b) To what does “these things” refer (v. 2)? Do they think Jesus has “wisdom” or are they being sarcastic?
- (c) What are the townspeople insinuating about Jesus when they comment on knowing His profession and His family?
- (d) Why did they take offense at Jesus?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 6:1-6.** The saying Jesus uses in v. 4 is well attested, in various versions, in ancient literature. What about a prophet inspires such a well-known phrase?
- (b) Explain from Mark’s gospel how each of these groups had neglected to show Jesus honor.
- (c) Explain from Mark’s gospel how other groups did show Jesus the honor He deserves.
- (d) As a believer you are part of Jesus’ family. How do you honor Jesus? How do you neglect to honor Him?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 5:1-6.** According to Mark, “(Jesus) could do no mighty works there.” Explain why (i.e. was He prohibited, lacking in power, lacking in desire, something else).
- (b) If you could not answer question (a) with confidence, here are some questions to help, and if you answered (a) with confidence, what follows are the questions you should have answered along the way: Why were some people exceptions to Jesus’ lack of mighty works (i.e. why were some healed and many others not)?

(c) Explain why Jesus “marveled” at their unbelief.

(d) What has faith had to do with Jesus’ healing so far in Mark, and what does lack of faith have to do with His healing here?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 6:1-6.** What was Jesus’ response to the townspeople’s unbelief?

(b) What was the criteria by which the town of Nazareth evaluated Jesus and why was it wrong?

(c) In what ways do people today falsely evaluate Jesus’ credentials, and how should we respond? I.e., should we just move on to the next place, like Jesus did, or is our response to be something different, and what Scripture informs your answer?

(d) In what ways do you evaluate other people by the wrong credentials? By what credentials should you receive people?

(e) Notice Jesus did not demand He be given the honor He deserved. How does this fact inform your own life and witness?

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Astonishing Unbelief