

3. Returning to his hometown was a place where Jesus met opposition. Where are places that present obstacles to your faith and obedience to Christ? What are places that bring great encouragement to your faith?

4. In Mark 6:7-13 Jesus trains the apostles and sends them out with authority, allowing each to bring with them only a staff and sandals. Why does he give them these instructions? What is the purpose of limiting their belongings? What would this communicate to the Jewish people the apostles would encounter?

5. Re-read Mark 6:1-13. Share what you personally learn from Jesus about handling opposition as a follower of Christ? opposition from family or friends (v 1-6)? opposition in ministry or as you share the gospel (v 7-13)?

6. In Mark 14-29 Herod makes a public oath to Herodias' daughter. Despite feeling conflicted internally Herod couldn't back down publicly. He feared John and John's popularity but he feared public shame and embarrassment more. In what ways are you prone to give into sin, fear of man, denying Jesus, etc to save face publicly?

RESPONSE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Personal: What opposition to you as a Christian have you experienced from family or friends? from the world? as you share the gospel or as you serve in ministry? How did you respond? After studying this lesson, what will you do differently?

Church: Discuss ways that you or your home group can help equip and serve those in our church family who have been obedient to the call of Jesus and have gone into the mission field.

World: Knowing that society responds to Christ out of misunderstanding, ignorance, bitterness, indifference, etc... what are specific ways in which we can help the people of the world to better understand Christ and His character?

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:

Mark 6:34

PRAY TOGETHER