

The Gospel of Mark

Group Guide: Week 11, Mark 6:1-29

INTRODUCTION

A former pastor and author A.W. Tozer once said, "What we think about Jesus is the most important thing about us." Mark 6:1-29 shows us three groups of people and what they thought about Jesus. What we think about Jesus also affects people's response to us. The people of God have always faced opposition because they follow the one who the "world" opposes. Mark is calling us as the readers to consider both what we think about Jesus and to count the cost of being followers of Jesus. How is what you think about Jesus affecting your life -- your attitude, your actions and your faith?

N.T. FURTHER READING

Matt. 10:1-14, 13:54-54; Luke 4:16-24,10:4-11; 2 Tim 3:12

PRAYER

READ

Have someone read aloud Mark 6:1-29

O.T. FURTHER READING

Isaiah 53:1-3, Lev. 20:21, Psalm 147

As you read write out any

SUMMARIZE

Ask two people to summarize the passage who didn't summarize last week or who have not summarized a passage yet.

FURTHER STUDY

words in this passage that would be helpful for you to look up in a dictionary.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. All three groups of people reacted to Jesus based on who they think He is. When meeting someone for the first time, what do you focus on? What influences your opinion of others? What do you value?
- 2. In Mark 6:1-6, Jesus went to His hometown. The townspeople missed Jesus' true identity. Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith and it limited what He could do there (vs 5-6). Where may your lack of faith in Jesus' power or authority limit what He wants to do in your life or in the life of someone you love? –

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?	SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Mark 6:34
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?