

Life Group Questions - Mark 6

UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE

1. *Main Idea of the Passage:* The Way of Jesus leads to: rejection, rest, revelation, and recognition.
2. *How the main idea is developed:* Proclaiming the gospel leads to the rejection of Jesus, his disciples, and John the Baptist. However, because of the disciples' submission to The Way: thousands find rest in a desolate place; the disciples receive more revelation of Jesus; and the name of Jesus becomes renown.
3. *Melodic Line:* Repent and Believe in the Good News that Jesus is the Suffering Servant King, the Glorious Savior.

Outline

1. Rejection (vv. 1–29)
 - A. Disciples follow Jesus to Nazareth where He is rejected (vv. 1-6a)
 - B. 12 apostles are sent out and are to expect rejection (vv. 6b-13)
 - C. The forerunner of rejection – John the Baptist (vv. 14-29)
2. Rest: Feeding the 5000 (vv. 30-44)
3. Revelation: Jesus, the I AM, walks on water (vv. 45-52)
4. Recognition: Jesus names is famous (vv. 53-56)

Gospel Centrality

1. The way of Jesus leads to his rejection and ultimately to the cross and the tomb.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Warming Up

1. Do you remember when you decided to follow Jesus? Was it particularly a “drop everything” moment or did you find yourself following him over time?

Letting the Text Shape our Framework

1. Rejection (vv. 1-29)
 - A. Jesus rejected by hometown (vv. 1-6a)
 - i. What are the implication in regards to preaching the gospel to unbelieving family members? What has been your experience with that?
 - ii. How does *unbelief* manifest itself today in your life? The Church?
 - iii. What has been your journey of both astonishment and skepticism of the God-man, Jesus?
 - B. 12 apostles sent out (vv. 6b-13)
 - i. How are we to assume the identity of a “sent one” in today’s context?
 - ii. What does this section tell us about what it means to be on mission/sent by Jesus into the world?
 - iii. What has been your experience with being rejected for sharing the gospel?

- iv. How does verse 8 call for reliance on Jesus?
- C. The forerunner of rejection – John the Baptist (vv. 14-29)
 - i. How does John ultimately prepare “the way” for Jesus?
 - ii. If you were to label Herod as one of the 4 “soils” (cf. Mark 4:1-20) which one would you pick? Why?
 - iii. How do Herod’s actions lead to John’s death?
 - iv. What does this say about his inability to recognize who Jesus was (vv. 14-16)?
- 2. Rest: Feeding the 5000 (vv. 30-44)
 - A. Do you have any examples in your life where Jesus “made much” of the little you could offer?
 - B. What is the significance of the 12 baskets of loaves and fish (v. 43)?
 - C. How are our lives actually lived in the wilderness? What does it look like to try to live a “mountain top” life?
 - D. What does it look like for you on a daily basis to receive manna from Jesus?
- 3. Revelation: Jesus, the I AM, walks on water (vv. 45-52)
 - A. Although the disciples in that moment did not understand the way of Jesus how were they still following him?
 - B. How can you relate to their experience?
 - C. How has Jesus revealed himself over time? How was this related to your obedience to his way?
- 4. Recognition: Jesus is made famous (vv. 53-56)
 - A. How was the disciples’ obedience directly related to Jesus’ name being recognized?
 - B. When people see you do they see Jesus?

Traveling Through the Cross

- 1. The way of Jesus is a life long journey of sharing the gospel, which means you will be rejected by many because of the name of Jesus. How does this passage encourage you knowing rejection is coming?

Applying This Passage to our Lives

- 1. In what sphere of influence have you been the most bold in proclaiming the gospel?
 - A. Who are the people in these spheres that need Jesus? Pray for them.
- 2. How do you see the way in which you work (vocation) a tool for evangelism?
- 3. What can we learn from the disciples role in serving this meal? Who in your life is “hungry in the wilderness” who needs to be fed (spiritually and perhaps even physically)?
- 4. What are the areas in your life Jesus is calling you to obey? Pray for your daily bread and for him to reveal himself to you.