

The Problem With Going Home

- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

Q: Have you ever found it hard to be respected or listened to at “home”? Why is that?

Q: Have you ever thought that you knew the situation only to be wrong about it?

Table Time...

READ: Mark 6:1-6 “He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.”

Q: According to verse 2, what is the reaction of the home-town crowd?

Q: What does verse 3, indicate about the belief of the people about Jesus?

Q: Why did they “take offense at Him”? (Note: the word “offense” means: to cause someone to experience anger or shock, because of what has been said or done).

Q: What do you imagine Jesus was teaching/saying that was so offensive?

Q: What’s the problem with being familiar with someone or a situation?

Q: How might “our” familiarity with Jesus keep us from seeing or hearing what He’s saying to us about our life?

Q: What’s the solution?

Q: What’s amazing about verse 5?

Q: How is unbelief like spiritual “kryptonite”?

Q: Jesus DOES still do a “few” miracles! What are they and why is THIS astounding?

Q: What’s Jesus’ response to this situation according to verse 6?

Q: Even though his home-town folks refused to believe, according to the end of verse 6, what does Jesus do?

Q: What does this teach us about Jesus’ resolve and mission? How might we apply that to our life?

Big Group Debrief...

READ: Mark 6:7-13 “And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.”

Q: So we go from being rejected at home, to sending out the twelve! Why does Jesus do this?

Q: What’s interesting about Jesus’ approach for the disciples?

Q: Why did Jesus instruct them to “take no money, bread, extra clothes” for the journey?

Q: According to verse 10-11 what did Jesus teach the disciples to do IF they experienced what He did in His hometown?

Q: How is the “shake the dust off” a “testimony against them”?

Q: According to verse 12, what was their message?

Q: According to verse 13, what “signs” accompanied the message?

Q: Why is being a missionary, hard? What are the blessings?