

Mark chapter 6

Life Group Notes

Some Scriptures used: Mark 6:1-56; Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4:16-30; 7:1-10; Matthew 5:10-12; 14:13-36; John 6:5-13; Ephesians 1:18-23.

1. Read through the chapter. What questions or revelations do you have?
2. Read Mark 6:1-6, Matthew 13:54-58 and Luke 4:16-30. Why did people from Jesus' home town take offense (Gk. *scandalised*) at him? (Mark 6:3). Consider the way that they refer to Jesus. Steve said: 'Jesus often worked where there was no belief, but not where there was unbelief.' What did he mean? What are the lessons for today from these verses?
3. What are the reasons Jesus gave his disciples such detailed instructions when he sent them on mission? (see 6-13)
4. Who did people think that Jesus was? Who do people in our day claim that Jesus was? What is your response to them?
5. How might the story of John's murder at the hands of Herod have spoken to Mark's original recipients? (see v14-29). How do you react when something bad happens? Do you respond with 'Why God?' or 'Why me?' or neither or both?
6. In which way did Jesus test his disciples regarding the hungry crowd? (see v35-38; compare John 6:5-9). What was the nature of the test? See v47-48: why do you think Jesus delayed his assistance and help?
7. Why do you think that Mark omitted the detail of Peter's walking on water? (see Matthew 14:25-31)
8. What point was Mark making through his comment, "... for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened." (v52). What do 'loaves' and 'walking on water' have in common? What's the connection? Importantly, what is the lesson for us?