

HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

STUDY GUIDE

Mark 6:1-6

Observation questions

1. What were the two main reasons the people of Nazareth gave for being offended by Jesus?
2. What was the direct result of the people's unbelief, according to verse 5?
3. What was Jesus's immediate response after marveling at their unbelief?
4. According to the sermon, what is the "currency of the kingdom" that determines where Jesus does his best work?

Interpretation questions

1. Why does familiarity with a person often make it harder to believe God is working in their life?
2. The passage says Jesus "could do no mighty work there" because of their unbelief. Does this mean his power was limited, or was something else preventing the miracles?
3. How does trying to control a loved one's outcome differ from seeking to influence their direction?
4. What does it mean that "your tone is your theology" in the context of speaking to family and friends?

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Application questions

1. Is there an area of your life where you are "stuck in Nazareth," still feeling the sting of rejection from those closest to you? What would it look like to, like Jesus, simply "move from village to village" and invest where you are wanted?
2. Think of a relationship where you feel frustrated. The next time you interact with them, which of the four reflective questions will be most challenging for you to ask yourself: Is this a sacrifice or an investment? Am I controlling outcomes or influencing direction? Am I speaking from love or frustration? Do I want to win a relationship or win an argument?
3. Who in your life do you have a hard time honoring because you don't think they can add value to you? What is one practical step you can take this week to show them honor, not based on their actions, but as a reflection of your own calling?
4. How can you "make allowance" for the faults of a family member this week, showing them patience and kindness instead of pressure, to create space for the Holy Spirit to work?
5. Where have you been trying to prove your legitimacy or worth to people who refuse to believe, rather than resting in the fact that you are already approved by God? What would it look like to release that need to prove yourself?