

Sermon Notes

"Unbelief at Home"

Mark 6:1-6a

August 31, 2025

5. **For Thought and Discussion:** Have you ever tried to share the gospel with your family and/or closest friends, as did Jesus? What was their response? Do you think it's easier to talk about your faith with a stranger, a family member, or a close friend? Why?

6. What prevented Jesus from doing more than a few miracles (6:5) in Nazareth? Why do you think that made such a difference?

7. Are there ways in which familiarity has dulled you to the depth and beauty of the mysteries of the Christian faith? What are the dangers of being desensitized in this way? What steps can you take to combat that?

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 08-31-2025

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 79-80; Lyman Coleman, et.al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 99; James Hoover, Mark: Follow Me, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1999, pp. 30; Ted Dorman, Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Mark, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1995, pp. 70.

Getting Started:

1. What does the cliché “Familiarity breeds contempt” mean?

Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 6:1-6a.

2. In your own words, describe the reaction of the people of Nazareth to Jesus’ teaching ministry.
3. Why do you think they reacted this way?
4. How is Jesus’ statement in 6:4 true? Name two other prophets in the Bible who suffered in a similar way.