

# Gospel of Mark

## Chapter 6

### Introduction

From this week forward our reflections will take the form of discussion questions based on the chapter we are reading this week. For more lengthy reflections check out our YouTube channel for our past sermons.

This week we are going to be looking at Mark chapter 6

### Questions

As we begin reflecting, take some time to read through the chapter.

What points of the narrative stick out to you?

What questions are raised for you? Spend some time discussing these first.

- Jesus talks about a prophet being without honour in they're home town: do you find mission and ministry with those close to you and in your locality more challenging? How does that compare to ministering to those that you do not know well?
- Jesus sends his disciples out with very little: how easy do you find it to trust Jesus as you step out? Where have you seen God's provision in this?
- Jesus often retreats to solitary places to pray - see vs 31 and vs 46 - Is something you regularly practice or not. How might you develop the use of solitude in your prayer life? (A solitary place need not be a mountain but perhaps a room, or a favourite armchair)
- The disciples twice in the narratives were unbelieving - vs 37 and vs 49-52 - how might we cultivate faith for the impossible? How can we grow in faith?

### Prayer

- Pray for those who are close to you and do not yet know Jesus; friends, family, co-workers, pray for them to come to know Jesus
- Pray for God to deepen our faith in him to do the impossible
- Pray for God to equip and encourage us to be sent out with his Good News
- Jesus opens heaven to provide bread - pray for those who struggle to find food to survive, pray for God to provide, for unjust, corrupt systems that withhold food to be broken, and pray for the hearts of those with resources to turn to the Lord.