



Life Group Discussion Guide

Feb 9 – Mark 6 --- The Miracle That Didn't Happen

Life Group Leaders,

During our *100 Days with Jesus*, you will have two approach options to guide your group in studying Sunday's text. We encourage you to try both methods over the next few months.

1. **Discussion Questions** – Each week, you'll receive a set of questions related to the text. If you choose this option, feel free to select the questions that best fit your group's needs and dynamics.
2. **SEEDS Discovery Bible Study** – This method introduces a Bible study format designed to empower participants to engage deeply with Scripture. The goal is to equip your group members with a practical tool for exploring the Bible with others, aligning with our mission to *Advance the Kingdom* with Jesus.

Both options are designed to enrich your group's experience. Experiment with each to discover what works best for your group. Thank you for leading and serving so well!

Discussion Questions:

Mark 6:1-6 --- Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

1. What is one piece of advice your parents gave you that you ignored growing up?
2. What can we learn from this story from Mark 6:1-6 about the cost of following Christ?

Mark 6:7-13 --- Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

3. How has God equipped you for serving Him?
4. What is your first reaction when you receive a challenging opportunity like the one Jesus gave the disciples?

Mark 6:14-29 --- John the Baptist Beheaded

5. What do Herod's actions throughout this episode say about the way sin operates in a person's life?

6. How do Christians' responsibility to non-believers differ from their responsibility to one another where sin is concerned?

Mark 6:30-44 --- Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

7. What does Jesus' reaction to the crowds tell you about His character and mission?
8. What do you think Jesus wanted to teach His disciples (possibly including us) through this miracle?
9. When is it especially good to take time out to rest?

Mark 6:45-52--- Jesus Walks on Water

10. Why do you think Jesus chose to walk on the water to get to the disciples' boat?
11. What difference does it make that Jesus has the power to control the forces of nature?
12. When has God done something for you that was completely amazing to you? What was it?

Mark 6:53-56 --- Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

13. If you met Jesus by happenstance on an average day, do you think you would recognize Him? Why or why not?
14. Which of Jesus's character traits does this story tell us most about?

Reflection and Application Options

15. How can we practice faith in action in our daily lives, drawing from the examples of the individuals and groups found in Mark 6?
16. What can you do this week to show support for someone who ministers full-time?
17. In what specific way can you show compassion to another person this next week?
18. How can you discipline yourself this week to spend time in undistracted prayer each day?
19. What does this passage reveal about the nature of Jesus' authority and the significance of His miracles?
20. How do the events in Mark 6 help us understand the call to discipleship and what it means to follow Christ faithfully?
21. How can the example of the apostles being sent out with limited resources inspire us in our own lives today?

SEEDS Bible Study:

The Discovery Method works most effectively in small groups of three to four people. For larger gatherings, consider breaking into smaller groups to encourage deeper discussion. Here's a simple format to follow:

- **Form Small Groups:** Divide the larger group into smaller groups of three to four people.
- **Pose Questions:** Present one question at a time for the smaller groups to discuss. Allow a few minutes for meaningful conversation.
- **Share Insights:** Invite groups to share their thoughts with the larger group, if they feel led. This step fosters collective learning and reflection.
- **Repeat for Additional Questions:** Continue the process with the next question, following the same structure.
- **Close in Prayer:** Conclude the session with prayer, either within the smaller groups or together as a large group.

This approach encourages participation, reflection, and shared learning while keeping the conversation focused and engaging.

Discussion Questions:

Share

- What are you grateful for?
- What is stressing you out?

Explore

- What stood out to you from the sermon?
- Read the text twice (Select a portion of this week's text to focus on for your group's discussion.)
- Retell the passage in your own words.

Examine

- What questions, observations, and thoughts do you have about this passage?
- What does this text say about God, Jesus, and humanity?

Do It – Either alone or with others in the group.

- If the text is true, what are you sensing God saying to you?
- Write an "I will" statement.
- What does that look like for you?

Seek God's Kingdom

- **Tell:** Is there someone in your life you can share this text/truth with?
- **Give:** Is there someone in your life that you can serve this week?
- **Pray:** Close in prayer: God, thank You for planting SEEDS in us so we can share those SEEDS with others as we Advance the Kingdom!