

Kingdom Rising

“Hard Ministry”

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: What has been one of your hardest experiences of rejection?

KEY THOUGHT: ***Rejection leads to expansion***

GETTING THE POINT

Read Mark 6:1-6

1. What do you think was the reason that Jesus' hometown rejected instead of celebrating Him?
2. How could a lack of belief stand in the way of Jesus doing miracles in Nazareth?

Read Mark 6:7-13

3. How are the apostles carrying out what Jesus called them to do? (*Hint: see Mark 3:14-15*).
4. What is the significance of “shaking the dust off” the disciples' feet?
5. How does this “sending” by Jesus reflect an expansion of the Kingdom?

GETTING DEEPER

Read Acts 7:51-53

1. How does the rejection of Jesus in Nazareth actually validate His role as prophet?
2. What does rejection of prophets indicate about the ones doing the rejecting?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. How do you typically respond when rejected by others?
2. Who have you known (no need to use names) who had a hard time “adapting” their view of Jesus from their first impression which did not include His identity as God or Messiah?
3. What does rejection look like today when we share our faith in Christ?
4. How does the parable of the sower (Mark 4) relate to the fact that some will not trust in Christ for salvation?
5. How does it help (or not) for you to reframe rejection in the context of sharing your faith, as re-direction?

PRAY...

that we will look beyond rejection for Jesus to celebrate the expansion of God's Kingdom.