

Small Group Study Questions

1. What did you like best about your hometown? What did you like least?
2. Read today's passage (**Mark 6:1-13**), review the sermon points, and share anything from the sermon that you found especially interesting, challenging or useful.
3. Before this sermon had you ever thought of Jesus as a "**troublemaker**"? Why or why not? In what ways could He rightly be considered a troublemaker today?
4. Look again at the peoples' appraisal of Jesus in **vv.2-3**. Why do you believe they took such great offense at Him? How can we, as followers of Jesus, respond to people we meet who take offense at Him today?
5. Read Jesus' instructions to the disciples as He sent them out in **vv.8-10**. So, in giving the disciples a greater assignment, He was calling them to greater dependence. Can you think of ways that you've had to learn to depend *more* on Jesus the longer that you've known and walked with Him? If so, are there blessings or benefits you've received through learning to be a more dependent Christ-follower?
6. Read **2nd Corinthians 5:20**. Do you find it easy or difficult to think of yourself in those terms on a daily basis? In practical terms, describe what you think it means for you to be an "ambassador for Christ" in the place where you spend the majority of your time each day.