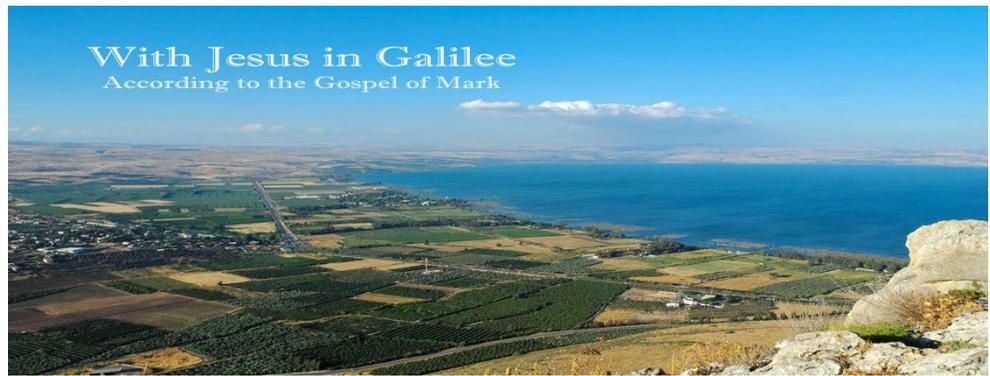




Lab Study Guide Downtown Fall 2018



Date: **November 11, 2018**

Text: **Mark 6.14-29**

Main Idea or Desired Application: **A bigger picture of what it mean to be part of a global community of Christ followers.**

Teacher: **Scott Stark**

Any other Text?:

1. Read the Text Together **Read the Text for this week out loud with your group.**

2. Make Observations **What stands out? What phrases caught your attention?
Any repetition, contrasts, comparisons?**

3. Ask Questions **What is confusing or hard to understand? Any details that might be important?
Ask: who, what, where, when, why, how?**

4. Background Information

Israel in the time of Jesus is a religious and political powder keg. Very volatile and very explosive. There had been several uprisings over the years with greater and lesser degrees of violence. So government action to stop them, was even more violent. So what happened to John the Baptizer (or eventually to Jesus) was not uncommon.

5. Application Questions

- 1. John was willing to tell (Herod) Antipas that what he was doing was wrong, even though he knew it very well might cause trouble for him. Have there been times when you knew God was calling to say something about sin or injustice? What did you do?**
- 2. Scott said that while we live in a society that values freedom of expression, most Christians in the world don't have that. In fact, many of them live in countries and nations that are hostile to their faith. What challenges and opportunities does of our freedom give us to share Christ with others?**
- 3. How can we personally, or as a small group support Christians living under persecution?**
 - a. To get more info on Christians living in difficult circumstances go to: idop.org**

6. Have everyone answer....

What is something new you learned about Jesus this week from this story?