

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

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Mark 6:1-6

1. Jesus came home to preach among those with whom he grew up. The people in Nazareth rejected Jesus. Why might it be tempting for you to reject the teaching or instruction of people with whom you are closely related? Is it possible that our unbelief grows because we treat God as too common and do not view him as holy?
2. Read Luke 4:16-21. Many scholars believe that this record in Luke is a parallel account with Mark 6. What then was Jesus telling the people of Nazareth when he spoke in their synagogue?
3. Having a teachable attitude is a hallmark of humility. What are some common barriers to being teachable? Have there been people in your life from whom you refused to learn?
4. In the sermon, Pastor Craig said that people should accept the obvious. Based on Mark 6:2, what was obvious to the people who heard Jesus teach in Nazareth?
5. In Mark 6:3, the people did not try to argue against Jesus' logic or teaching, but they refused to believe him. How specifically did they refuse Jesus? How have you seen similar arguments used to defend unbelief?
6. Mark 6:5 says that Jesus was unable to do many mighty works because of the people's unbelief. How might unbelief hamper the work of the Holy Spirit in our church? How might the prayer of Mark 9:24 be beneficial in your own life and in our church?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Proverbs 16:18. How are pride and unbelief related?