

Dig Deeper @Home – “What Child is This?”

Complement to lesson on 01/14/2014 – “Mark 6”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. What was your favorite movie/tv show/song/book of 2023?
2. Tell a time when someone had you confused with someone else or when you confused somebody to be somebody else.

MEMORIZE – Mark 8: 27-30

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

READ – Read Mark 6

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
 - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. Compare and contrast the people’s response to Jesus in his hometown and Gennesaret. What do you notice?
3. What identities do we see being given to Jesus in these verses either by people in the narrative or by Mark himself in what/how he writes.

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Jesus is ...

Look through Mark 6 and write out all the names, identities and characteristics you see in these verses. Then make some art around these. Some ideas may to draw a picture of Jesus that demonstrates that name or characteristic. You may choose to do word art with all the names in different colors and directions. Let your imagination lead you as you create something to celebrate who Jesus is.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Jesus Strong and Kind - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eP_2Z39IGzI

What Child is This (instrumental) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckVKU1eggZI>

The Great I AM - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2Yh4exnBU0>

Hope has a Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI-fTpLINZ8>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the message:

Father, thank you for your great love which was demonstrated in you coming in the flesh to give me freedom and forgiveness. As I go this week, help me to share your love with others and point them to you, King Jesus, with my words and actions.