



York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

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Ordinary People, Extraordinary God

Mark 6:1-13



Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.

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Question #1

Where did you grow up? Go round the group and have each person contribute. How do you think your life and attitudes have been influenced by the place you grew up in? (Perhaps consider if it would have been different growing up somewhere else.)

Question #2

How do you imagine Jesus was formed by his experiences growing up in the small, rural village of Nazareth?

THE WORD

Read Mark 6: 1-6

Question #3

The reason why the people of Nazareth reject Jesus in Mark 6:1-6 is perhaps strange to us as we're more familiar with instances where a town celebrates, even exaggerates, the success stories of locals who have become famous.

The passage suggests an initial positive reception, but somewhere in verses 2-3 everything changes. Why might this be then?

Question #4

Why do you think Jesus' ordinariness was a problem for those who supposedly knew him best?

Question #5

In what way is our culture similar to the Nazareth-world?

Read Mark 6: 7-13

Question #6

Jesus sends the twelve out two-by-two on a missionary journey to proclaim repentance, cast out demons, and cure the sick.

Why do you think Jesus sent the disciples out on their own at this time? How do you think the disciples might have felt as Jesus sent them out and gave them authority over the unclean spirits?

Question #7

In verse 7 we find three things that enable these ordinary men to do extraordinary things. What are they? How do these same things apply to us today?

Question #7

The extraordinary became ordinary in order to make the ordinary extraordinary.

How has Jesus done the extraordinary in you?

CONCLUSION & PRAYER

God delights to use ordinary people like you and me to do his work here on earth.

Zechariah 4:6 says, **“Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit,” says the LORD Almighty.”**

Don't look so much at what you can do for God, but at what God can do through you. The disciples were just a group of ordinary people who responded to Christ's call. But our God is an extraordinary God who uses ordinary people to accomplish his work in this world.

What will you allow God to do through your life?

**“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.”**

-Isaiah 60: 1 (NIV)

How does the call to **Arise** speak into that?

Spend some time praying for each other.