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MARKED BY REJECTION & MIRACLES

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Rejected Prophets - Mark 6:1-29

Living marked by the way of Jesus means pressing on in spite of rejection.

- Jesus is rejected by his own relatives and home. (1-6)
- The disciples are rejected by unwelcoming people. (7-13)
- John the Baptist is rejected by those in positions of political power. (14-29)

NEXT STEP:

- This week I will place a sticky note that says, "PRESS ON IN SPITE OF REJECTION" in a high-profile place.

Misunderstood Miracles - Mark 6:30-56

Living marked by the identity of Jesus means believing God is present even when difficulty continues.

- Jesus is the shepherd of Psalm 23. (30-44)
- God is present with the disciples in Jesus. (45-56)

NEXT STEP:

- This week I will intentionally look for God's presence when the wind is against me. Write down who/what you see!



Lesson Aim: To learn to live marked by the identity and way of Jesus.

Prayer: Open in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to show you how to be a strong servant of God.

1. **Read Mark 6:4-6.** Why could Jesus not do any miracles in his home town? Was he actually not able to or did he choose not to? Explain your reason.
2. Why is a prophet not without honor except in his own town? What does this mean?
3. When is a time that someone did not take you seriously because they knew you well or were related to you?
4. **Read Mark 6:11.** Why do you think that Jesus gave this instruction? How would this be a “testimony against them”?

5. When is a time that you were rejected in ministry outreach? How did you respond?
6. Pastor Jeff taught us that living marked by the way of Jesus means pressing on in spite of rejection. What does “pressing on” mean? How do we do this?
7. **Read Mark 6:47-51.** Why do you think that the disciples were still afraid even after all of the miracles that Jesus had performed?
8. Pastor Jeff taught us that living marked by the identity of Jesus means believing God is present even when difficulty continues. How are we called to react to difficulty? How should this affect our thoughts and actions?
9. Spend some time together in prayer asking for strength in any areas of weakness you might have.

Weekly Memory Verse:

2 Corinthians 5:17. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.