



Scripture

¹He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching. (Mark 6:1-6 ESV)

Outline

Big Idea: We cannot come to Jesus on our terms; we must accept him for who he truly is

Point 1. Jesus may amaze you, but he wants you to follow him

Point 2. Jesus may offend you, but he wants your heart

Point 3. Jesus wants you to be transformed by him

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: Have you ever been impressed by Jesus (through a sermon, a book, or someone's testimony) but struggled to fully commit to him? What held you back or what currently holds you back?

Point 1: Jesus may amaze you, but he wants you to follow him

- In Mark 6:1-6, the people of Nazareth are amazed by Jesus' teaching. Why do you think they were amazed, yet ultimately didn't follow him?
- What are some practical steps we can take to move beyond simply being amazed by Jesus to actively following him?

Point 2: Jesus may offend you, but he wants your heart

- Is there anything about Jesus or his teachings that you find challenging or even offensive? How do you deal with those challenges?
- Why is it important for Jesus to have our hearts, even if there are things we struggle with? What does it mean to give Jesus your heart?

Point 3: Jesus wants you to be transformed by him

- Jesus' inability to perform many miracles in Nazareth was due to their unbelief. How does our belief (or unbelief) affect our ability to experience God's transforming power?
- What areas of your life do you desire to be transformed by Jesus? What steps can you take to allow that transformation to happen?
- How does accepting Jesus for who he truly is (and not who we want him to be) play a role in our transformation?

Your Prayer

Write out a three-sentence prayer based off this passage.