

## Right in Front of You: The Gospel of Mark

*A study for Community Groups to use the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>*

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Series Guide** to complete foundational questions in the book for week 5 using the scripture below.

### Week 10: Mark 6:6b-13

#### Overview

Mark doesn't just tell us what Jesus did; he shows us who Jesus is in a way that forces us to rethink the world we're living in and the stories we're being sold every day.

*"The Twelve were to take with them no food, no luggage, and no money. They were not even to take an extra tunic that Palestinians often used as a blanket at night. The Twelve were to rely on God to provide their needs, including the need for hospitable hosts. The urgency of their mission required light travel, and it prohibited elaborate preparations. They could take a walking stick, and they would need sandals, but they were not to take spares."* –

*Constable's Notes*

#### Questions

\*In the Series Guide you will find basic questions we want all to use as they begin to look at the passage. Questions such as; *Who have you had the opportunity to BLESS this week? What does this passage reveal about God? About people? About the life He has planned for us?* These additional questions relate to the passage specifically for your benefit.

1. Mark 6:7 says "Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits."

Jesus sends them with His authority, not their readiness, experience, or confidence. What would it actually look like for you to live sent this week in a specific area of your life (work, relationships, daily rhythms)? Where are you relying more on yourself than on the authority Jesus has given you?

2. Mark 6:8-9 says, "These were his instructions: 'Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts...'"

Jesus intentionally removes their ability to rely on themselves so they have to depend on Him. Where have you built a life that functions just fine without needing God to show up? What is one step of obedience this week that would actually require dependence on Him, and what's keeping you from taking it?

3. Mark 6:11 says, "And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." Jesus prepares them for rejection and redefines success as faithfulness, not results. How do you typically respond when things don't go well or you feel rejected? What does that reveal about how you define success, and where might Jesus be inviting you to trust Him with the outcome right now?