

Right in Front of You: The Gospel of Mark

A study for Community Groups to use the week of April 26th

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 11: Mark 6:14-29

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.

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.

Mark 6:20, 26 we see Herod is drawn to truth but ultimately chooses pride and people over obedience. Where do you find yourself intrigued by Jesus, interested, even convicted, but unwilling to actually surrender? What is the "crowd" (approval, image, control) that keeps you from acting on what you already know is right?

In Mark 6:17–18 we see John remains faithful to speak truth, even when it costs him everything and his circumstances don't match what we'd expect for obedience. Where in your life are you experiencing a gap between obedience and outcome? How are you tempted to respond, and what would it look like to run to Jesus with that tension instead of away from Him?

In Mark 6:27–28 we see how John's story is a sobering reminder that following Jesus doesn't always lead to ease or visible success. How have your expectations of following Jesus been shaped by comfort, success, or outcomes? In a season where things are either hard or going well, how might you be tempted to drift, and what would it look like to stay dependent on Him right now?