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Seeing & Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Small Group Questions — The Week of January 24, 2021

Sermon Overview: Chapter 6 in the Gospel of Mark records the accounts of Jesus being rejected in His hometown and John the Baptist being beheaded. Sandwiched between these two accounts, Jesus sends out the twelve disciples in pairs, telling them about their mission and how they are to respond to those who reject them. The message is clear— standing up for Christ and proclaiming His message of repentance will lead to rejection. What can we learn from this Gospel narrative about our own calling to stand for Christ? How can we use these Words to embolden our courage and prepare the next generation to stand for Christ? There is a reality to this rejection but also a reward. Let's seek His face, and fall at His feet, and rejoice in the privilege of standing together for Christ.

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:1-32

1. What led to Jesus being rejected in His hometown?
2. What evil do you see present in the account of John the Baptist and Herod?
3. Why do you think Mark included the account of John the Baptist in such detail at this particular point in his Gospel account?
4. Have you ever been rejected for standing up for Christ and His message? Describe.
5. What can you take away from this passage to help you withstand rejection for the sake of Christ?