

**Getting to Know Each Other.**

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“Who is a famous person you knew or heard about long before they became famous?”* \*

**Follow up.** Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?  
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

**Vision.** Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

**Bible Study Introduction.** In this passage, Jesus takes His disciples to visit His hometown of Nazareth. Nazareth was considered an insignificant, country town. The Bible quotes someone saying, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Seeing the reaction Jesus received there was part of the disciples’ training and preparation for what Jesus’ followers would face in the future.

**Pray.** Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

**Read.** We will read through the passage three times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get three people to read **Mark 6:1-6.** \*\*

**Discuss** these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
  - What might be some reasons the people of Nazareth had a negative view of Jesus? What might that show about how they viewed themselves?
  - The disciples had left their jobs and their families to follow Jesus. How do you think their families might react when they visit their homes?
  - When have you felt rejection when you have talked about Jesus?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
  - What other ways could Jesus have responded to the people’s rejection and unbelief?
  - What do you think might have happened in Nazareth if the people had welcomed Jesus with humble faith?
  - What was Jesus teaching His disciples through this home visit and what is He saying to you?

**Obeying Jesus.** As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:  
*“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]*

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

**Closing Prayer.**

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

\* Use a different “icebreaker” if you prefer.

\*\* Reading from different translations often helps.