**Jesus and Rejection**

**Sermon Based Discussion (May 14, 2017)**

**The Gospel of Mark**

**WARM UP**

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 how much are you fazed or deterred by the prospect of rejection? (10 = totally deterred by it, 1 = not deterred at all)

*Some of us are unfazed by rejection—maybe sales people or “thick-skinned” folks. Others of us try to avoid rejection at all costs. Maybe most of us are somewhere in the middle.*

*Jesus was no stranger to rejection. In fact, he probably faced rejection more often than not. In this session we consider how and why people reject Jesus, and how people today can find encouragement in that.*

**INTO THE BIBLE (Mark 6:1-13)**

1. What made the people in Jesus’ hometown want to reject Jesus?
2. What did Jesus mean by the saying “A prophet is not without honor...”?
3. What are the various components of the mission Jesus sent the disciples on?

**UNDERSTANDING**

1. Why did Jesus tell his disciples to not take provisions on their ministry assignment? What lessons can we draw from this for today?
2. Does this passage teach that our unbelief can limit the power of Jesus?

**DIFFERENCE**

1. How does it help you to remember that Jesus faced rejection? What does this imply for Christians and facing rejection?
2. How much does the prospect of rejection affect you when it comes to talking about Christ and Christianity with people?

**APPLICATION**

1. Share about a time you or someone you know experienced rejection for the sake of Jesus? If we can’t think of a recent example, what might that suggest?
2. If you were more able to encounter rejection for Jesus, what would you do differently in terms of sharing about Jesus?