



# WHO IS JESUS?

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## INTRO

Who is a good leader that you know personally? What characteristics of theirs do you admire or appreciate the most?

## READING

Mark 6:7-56

## DISCUSSION

1. Describe the experiences the Twelve would have had on their mission (v. 7-13). What lessons would they have learned about faith and dependence? What challenges do you face in growing in faith and dependence?
2. How does Herod demonstrate that he is a bad leader (v. 14-29)? Where do you see that kind of leadership in yourself? In the church? In the world?
3. Jesus hosts a very different kind of banquet in verses 30-44. How is his leadership different than Herod's? How does your leadership – at home, at work, in your neighborhood, or in our culture – reflect Jesus's character and values?
4. What do verses 45-52 tell us about the sources of Jesus' authority as someone who was both fully human and fully God?
5. The disciples had just come back from a mission trip where they did what Jesus did and said what Jesus said. Then, suddenly, Jesus does what they cannot do: feeding multitudes in the wilderness and demonstrating mastery over the winds and waves. Why are their hearts hardened as they consider who Jesus is in ways that the folks of Gennesaret (who just want a miracle worker who meets their needs) do not seem to experience (v. 52-56)? Where do you struggle with the claims of Jesus?

