



## IN

Have you ever had a message, an idea, a conversation where you have been completely dismissed or rejected? How did you feel / respond?

## UP

Read the passage together: **Mark 6:1-13**

What encourages you? What challenges you? What stirs faith in you?

These 6 points can be drawn out of the passage. Spend some time looking at them, and discuss how they relate to you.

1. *We are not all evangelists, but we are all witnesses*
2. *We are in this together. Jesus did not send them out alone.*
3. *We prepare the way for Jesus.*
4. *We will appear to fail as we witness, we will experience rejection of the message.*
5. *We are all different. We connect with different people - God uses this!*
6. *We can trust God to provide and give us what we need to be witnesses.*

## OUT

Pray for courage & confidence to grasp our commission to be witnesses. If we are in a 'resistant' place ask God to bring another person alongside.

Pray for the Holy Spirit's prompting for those who are open to us.

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group**

## BIBLE READING:

Mark 6:1-13 New Living Translation (NLT)

6 Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown. 2 The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?" 3 Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.

4 Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honoured everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family." 5 And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people. 7 And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits. 8 He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick—no food, no traveler's bag, no money. 9 He allowed them to wear sandals but not to take a change of clothes.

10 "Wherever you go," he said, "stay in the same house until you leave town. 11 But if any place refuses to welcome you or listen to you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate."

12 So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God. 13 And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil.

