

More Insights from a Homecoming

“Case For Christ” Series, (A Study of Mark’s Gospel) part 19
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Insights from Mark 6:1-6

Insights from Luke 4:14-21

- His P ... **v14-15**
- His P ... **v16-17**
- His P ... **v18-19**

**To extend God’s love ...
to the poor, captives, blind & oppressed**

Insights from Luke 4:22-30

(1 Kings 17:8-24, 2 Kings 5:1-27)

- 1. We can pursue feeling better,
or ...**

- 2. We can protect our pride,
or ...**

- 3. We can look beyond ourselves,
or ...**

- 4. We can receive or reject Jesus,
but ...**

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This Week's Discussion Guide

Welcome to our eighth week of our 12 week study and discussion based on our current Sunday series at GPC called, "Case For Christ".

In this series, we are slowly unpacking the Gospel of Mark. Each week we will read and reflect on a passage from Mark's gospel and discuss ways we can apply what we reflect on to our daily lives.

It is our prayer at GPC for our Sundays and small groups to provide the encouragement we all need to support each other as we desire to grow closer to God and build friendships as part of our vision at GPC to raise up committed Christ followers in a healthy church community.

Getting Started:

Each week, we typically start out with a few fun questions to get us warmed up :).

In Mark 6:1-6, we read about Jesus' returning to his home town of Nazareth. It began as a celebration but sadly, after awhile that homecoming took a turn.

Speaking of homecomings or parties, what is a fun party memory you have?

Speaking of birthday cakes, what is your favorite cake? (be specific)

We read how Jesus was prepared when he was given the scroll of Isaiah to read from. He was able to turn to the passage in Isaiah 61 that he chose to read from.

Speaking of being prepared, what is an example of a situation where you were adequately prepared and it went well ... or ... What is an example of when you were not so prepared for something ... how did that go?

Jesus chose the passage from Isaiah 61 as it gave him an opportunity to share his passion and purpose.

Speaking of favorite passages, what is one or two of your favorite stories or passage in the Bible? Why is it one of your favorites?

Reviewing and Reflecting on the Passage:

Let's read the two key passages from last Sunday. (Mark 6:1-6, Luke 4:14-30)

After reading this passage and looking back on your notes from Sunday, was there a particular thought, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question for you?

Digging Deeper:

1. This past Sunday we heard how the expectations of the synagogue attenders from Nazareth did not match with what Jesus was offering them.

They thought their religious practices and heritage and home town connection with Jesus was going to provide special benefits and privileges.

How do you see a similar progression of thought and rationale in 1 Samuel 4:1-10?

In reality, what do the previous verses in 1 Samuel 2:30-35 tell us about what God is really after?

Can you think of any modern day examples of how we expect things from God that in reality He has not promised us?

2. Sometimes we can misinterpret God's promises by claiming them without realizing the context and conditions in which they are to be understood.

Let's read the verses below and answer the question in each column.

Promise of God	Possible Misinterpretation	Context & Condition
Joshua 1:8-9		Joshua 1:7
Philippians 4:19		Philippians 4:10-12
John 15:15		John 15:9-14

3. Being surprised when the "God we want" may be different than the "God we get" can definitely be a bit unsettling.

What do the following verses tell us about the character of the God we follow?

Psalm 86:5, Hebrews 12:5-6, Hebrews 12:28-29, 2 Thessalonians 1:5-6, 1 John 4:16

Which of these attributes encourage you or challenge you the most these days?

Wrapping Up:

What is an application from what we read or discussed together that you would like to practice in the coming days?

Is there anything that came up from this week's sermon or discussion that you would like prayer for? Is there anything else on your heart that you would like to express prayer for?