



WEEK TWO // Mark 2:1-12, Mark 6:1-6, Matthew 8:5-13

OVERVIEW

This message shows us how Jesus amazed people by what He did and said, and invites us to consider strengthening our faith in God to expect the unexpected in our lives today.

DISCUSS

Looking back to when you first came to faith in Jesus (or began exploring your faith in Jesus), what brought you amazement about Him?

Is there anything you have recently learned about Jesus that has been unexpected?

Is it easy or difficult for you to maintain amazement towards the life/ministry/activity of Jesus? Why?

Read the following passage out loud together: Mark 2:1-12

Did anything particular stand out to you as we read that story together? If so, what and why?

Verse 12 says that the crowds glorified God upon their amazement to the things they saw Jesus doing. What is your typical response to seeing the amazing things Christ is still doing (worship, doubt, action, etc)? Why?

Read the following passages out loud together: Mark 6:1-6 & Matthew 8:5-13

What resonates with you from those two stories? Why?

What challenges you? Why?

Do you think you are in a season where Christ is more in awe of your belief or unbelief? Why?

A PRACTICE TO SHARE IN YOUR WEAKNESSES

One of the strongest ways to build community with others is to be honest with where you are weak and need help. Unfortunately, sharing our weaknesses can be quite difficult for many people. Below is a simple practice to help your group grow in your vulnerability.

- Sit in a circle.
- Going one at a time have everyone share a physical weakness/pain they are currently feeling. (Everyone should avoid long answers for this practice, brevity and honesty are the goal).
 - i.e. back pain, headaches, etc.
- After each person shares, recite as a group in unison, "Lord Jesus help us."
- Go around the circle until everyone has shared a physical weakness/pain.
- Go back around the circle and have everyone share a relational pain/weakness.
- Once again, have the entire group say "Lord Jesus help us" after each person shares.
- Once everyone shares a relational pain/weakness, you will go around one more time.
 - i.e. relationship with: co-worker, friend, family member
- This time have everyone share a character weakness and recite "Lord Jesus help us" each time once again.
 - i.e. impatience, anger, greed, etc.
- Once everyone has shared, have someone conclude in prayer, asking God to meet your group in your weaknesses.