

Recap of 7/2/23 message by Pastor Joe (Mark 6:1):

1. Jesus visits His hometown of Nazareth (possibly for the last time). His own neighbors and family doubt Him. So, few believe that He doesn't do many miracles. We shouldn't be surprised if our own families and friends are the hardest for us to reach for Christ. His visit is not a personal visit but that of a Rabbi with His disciples. Jesus uses the opportunity to train His disciples and send them out to minister.

- "When Jesus Comes home to Nazareth, now as a visiting rabbi, His neighbors show bitter resentment. Who does Jesus think He is anyway? Their unbelief is a barrier that keeps Him from performing miracles there." (Richards)

2. Jesus' training method of His disciples can be seen in two phrases in Mark 3: 13-15. He chose them to be "with Him" (communion, companionship, and training) and to "send them out" (commission).

3. "A Biblical Profile of a Disciple" from **Essentials of Discipleship** by Robert D. Foster:

-A disciple is a learner—open and teachable.

-A disciple puts Christ first in all areas of his life.

-A disciple is committed to a life of purity and is taking steps to separate from sin.

-A disciple is developing his prayer life.

-A disciple demonstrates a desire to learn and apply the word of God.

-A disciple has a heart for sharing his faith.

-A disciple attends church regularly to worship God, to have his spiritual needs met, and to make a contribution to the body of believers.

-A disciple fellowships regularly with other believers, displaying love and unity.

-A disciple demonstrates a servant heart by helping others in practical ways.

-A disciple gives regularly and honors God with his finances.

-A disciple demonstrates the fruit of the Spirit by an attractive relationship with Christ and his fellowship man.