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## Reflection Questions Mark 6:1-32

1. Jesus was met in His hometown by a refusal to accept the person He had become. The people He'd grown up with felt like they knew Him better than He knew Himself, as if their opinion mattered more than anyone else's opinion. We all need people who believe in us, who want to see us prosper. Who is a person you believe in? What's something you can do this week to communicate your belief in them?
2. In vv.7-9, Jesus itemizes the packing list for His disciples before they're sent out. The things we pack for a trip hardly seem like a thing that would concern Jesus. But He knows the human heart, and knows that in life, we're all over-packers. If Jesus asked you today to simplify one area of your life, to pack less in it, what area would you choose? To what extent do you think simplicity might be a spiritual discipline?
3. Jesus sends out His disciples in twos. If Jesus explicitly invited you on this same kind of mission, whom would you ask to be your partner?
4. Herod's marriage to Herodias was against the law. As a result, Herod seems to be bound by her whims. Herod's marriage illustrates a principle of life: evil begets evil. Like Herod, we can make bad choices that seem to oblige us to make more bad choices, like lying to cover up a lie. Have you made a bad choice recently that makes it easier to make more bad choices? What's a practical step you can take to arrest the progression of these choices?
5. After the disciples' mission, Jesus invites His disciples into a period of rest. What signs do you look for in your own life to determine if God is calling you into a period of rest? Where do you go to find deep rest? What kinds of activities have been the most refreshing for your soul?