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Tuesday Bible Study

Week 6

Mark 6:14-56

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1. Mark likes to begin major sections of his gospel by discussing/describing the apostles. What are some things we have learned about discipleship so far in Mark?
 - a. What lessons does this offer for the church today?

2. In Mark 6:14-29, Herod knows the right thing to do but fears the opinion of others. Have you ever struggle to do the right thing because of other people's opinions? What does this story teach us about these situations?

3. Bonus: Why do you think Herod seems so confident that John the Baptist was raised from the dead, even though he knew firsthand that John had been killed?

4. In your Bible, look up Exodus 16:13-21, 2 Kings 4:42-44, and Psalm 23. What similarities do you see between these passages and Mark 6:30-44? What are some differences?

5. What is your experience of the hours between 3:00am and 6:00am? What major events in your life have happened during these hours? Were you ever afraid in the night?
 - a. How do your experiences of the middle of the night help you connect to the disciples' experience in Mark 6:47-50?

6. Mark 6:51 says that the disciples were bewildered by Jesus. What are some reasons you've heard people give for why they find Christianity bewildering or confusing?
 - a. Have you had to work through any bewilderment about your faith? Is there anything about Jesus that is still bewildering to you?

7. What do you think the narrator means when he says that the disciples did not understand about the loaves (Mark 6:52)? What do you think they are they missing?

8. What impression do you have of the people who come to Jesus for healing in Mark 6:53-56? What can you tell about them from the context? Are there any parallels between these people and followers of Christ today?