

Jesus' Rejection - Matthew 13:53-58

Ideas for an intro

1. There have been times in life where my family and I would get into a 'discussion' about something where I knew I was 'right' but when I would try to talk to family members about it, they would not listen because they were 'right'. Those days I could be really frustrated. I would then go to some friends or someone else and they would totally agree with me. It's always nice to be 'right'.
2. Think of a time where you were right about something, but no one would believe you. How did that feel? What are some things you do when people don't agree with you?
3. Our struggles to be listened to or respected are not just things that we struggle with. Jesus encountered this as well.

A Biblical Passage to focus on

- Read Matthew 13:53-58

A short devotional based on that Biblical passage

1. What had Jesus just finished doing?
2. Where did Jesus go?
3. What did Jesus do when He first got there?
4. What was their first reaction? (v 54)
5. Why did that make such an impact?
6. What did they get caught up in focusing on? (v 55)
7. What did the people's reaction turn into? (v 57)
8. What was Jesus' response?
9. What reduced the number of miracles?

Brainstorming questions for you and your team

1. What are some things you and your ministry have been doing?
2. What are some positives that are going on with you? Your team? Your ministry?
3. What might get in the way of people seeing what God is doing?
4. What are some local or personal obstacles that you currently face? Your team? Your ministry?
5. What might slow you down in your school/church/home?
6. What might get in the way of growing your faith? In growing other's faith?

Application Concepts

1. List some of what God has been doing in yourself/your ministry/your team
2. List some of what may get in the way of people seeing God in you/your team/your ministry
3. List some of what God is doing in those 'trouble spots'.
4. List some ways to help others remember the AMAZING things God IS doing.
5. List some ways to address some of the obstacles you face.

This week's Holy Experiment...or ask God for another

1. Reach out to a family member or a person that knows your background/flaws. Pick a way to care or minister to them.