

DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER: How do you measure contentment?

OVERVIEW: How should we handle it when we people reject the Gospel? Rejection hurts, and if we're not careful the rejection of the Gospel can cause us to retreat and give up on evangelism. Surprisingly, Jesus was rejected, too – often. And we can learn from Him how to handle the rejection of the Gospel. In this discussion we will dig deeper and discuss how to stay on mission regardless of how people respond to our message.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)

2. Read Mark 6:1-6. Why was Jesus rejected? What can you learn from this story about handling the rejection of the Gospel?

3. Have you ever been rejected (for any reason)? What happened, and how did it make you feel?

4. Have you ever faced rejection because of the Gospel? Maybe someone rejected your invitation to church, or your plea for them to accept Christ. Or maybe someone rejected your friendship because of your faith in Christ. Or perhaps someone tried to suppress your freedom in some way to live out the Gospel. What happened? How did you respond? And how did it impact the way served Christ afterwards?

How to Handle the Rejection of the Gospel

The Gospel of Mark — Week 28

5. What can we learn from the following passages about handling rejection?
 - Luke 9:51-56
 - Luke 10:10-12
 - John 15:18-20
 - Romans 12:17-21

6. What are the wrong ways to handle the rejection of the Gospel?

7. The only right way to handle the rejection of the Gospel is to stay on mission. Has past rejection or maybe the fear of rejection caused you to stop evangelizing, or to be less evangelistic? Explain.

8. What do you need to do to regain your boldness and passion for evangelism?

9. Name some of the lost people in your life and some practical ways that you can reach out to them in evangelism?

The Last Word: "So don't be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, or of me His prisoner. Instead, share in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God." 2 Timothy 1:8.

