

Growth Group Curriculum

SPRING SEMESTER 2021

Mark Week 16 ch. 6 vv. 14 - 30

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REVIEW

1. Was there anything from this past Sunday's message that challenged or confused you?
2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday's sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. On Sunday Pastor Jeff explained that doubts are not the antithesis of faith, rather they are like "antibodies" for your faith. What doubts have you wrestled with in the past? Were those doubts resolved?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Mark's account of John's death is the longest of any gospel. It also seems to be a digression. What might be some of the reasons for its prominence? What is Mark getting across?

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2. When the king hears about Jesus and what he is doing, some think it is Elijah who, according to Jewish tradition, would return to get things ready for the final judgment (see Malachi 4:5). Why would Herod think Jesus is John the Baptist raised from the dead (vv. 14-16)?
 3. Herod had arrested John previously because John opposed Herod's marriage to his brother's wife. Why did John publicly oppose Herod on this point (vv. 17-18)?
 4. Even though Herod feared and listened to John, why does he order John's beheading (vv. 22-28)?
 5. When does the pressure to please people override our desire to obey God?
 6. Why does Mark place this story about John the Baptist right after the episode of Jesus sending out the Twelve?
 7. What are the costs or potential costs for us as we play our part as agents of God's kingdom?

Prayer Requests:
