

# The Cost of Discipleship

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, February 3, 2019; Steve Thiel

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**Sermon Theme – Jesus is the one true King, who commands people to repent and believe the gospel. Therefore, as Christ’s disciples, we are commissioned to embrace His mission of faithful gospel proclamation, whatever the cost!**

## **I. Pattern of Gospel Proclamation – Read Mark 6:1-6**

- A. When Jesus visits his hometown, what do the Nazarenes acknowledge about His ministry?
- B. What stands out to you with regard to the progression of their questions? As you think through verses 1-3, how would you explain the Nazarenes’ conclusion of being offended by Jesus?
- C. What affect did the Nazarene’ unbelief have on Jesus? As a result, how does Jesus respond?

## **II. Plan for Gospel Proclamation – Read Mark 6:7-13**

- A. What observations do you make when you compare Mark 6:7 and Mark 3:13-15?
- B. Why does Jesus send them out in pairs, and why do you think He instructs them to take so little? As you think about it, why does Jesus call them to remain in the house that welcomes them?
- C. As you consider these commands, what are some helpful implications for your life? How would you like to grow in being content with little? How can you grow in trusting God’s provision?
- D. What do you think it means to shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against those who reject the gospel? Can you think of any examples when you would need to do this?

## **III. Picture of Gospel Proclamation – Read Mark 6:14-30**

- A. What are some of the possible explanations for who Jesus is? How does this list compare with Mark 8:27-30 and Peter’s answer? Who does Herod think Jesus is and why does he think that?
- B. Why do you think Mark inserts this story between the sending of the disciples and their return?
- C. How is John the Baptist a glorious picture of faithful gospel proclamation? List all the different ways that John is a forerunner to Jesus in his proclamation, imprisonment, and death?
- D. Mark 8:34-37 gives a very clear explanation of the cost of discipleship. What are the hardest areas for you to lose your life? How can the reward of eternal life motivate you each day?