



Warm up question:

- Where is your hometown? What is it like?

Read Mark 6:1-13

1. Where does Jesus travel to in this passage? How is he received?
2. Where does Jesus go first? Why does he go there?
3. How do people react to Jesus initially? Why do they reject him?
4. Why was Jesus only able to heal some people in his hometown?
5. In what ways does familiarity breed contempt in our communities today?
6. What does Jesus' rejection in his hometown tell us about his message?
7. How does Jesus respond to his rejection in v.6 and then in vv.7-12?
8. How does Jesus equip his disciples for ministry? How does Jesus equip us?
9. What can Jesus' words to his disciples in vv.8-11 say to the church today?
10. Why is the outcome of the disciples' teaching and prayer ministry in the wider towns so different to the outcomes in Jesus' hometown?
11. What does this passage show us about how we are to share the gospel with the people around us today?

Rubber hits the road:

- How do people in Australia often respond to preaching and prayer?
- How can we best respond to rejection?

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you that you sent your disciples out to pray for people and tell them the good news of heaven. And thank you that you sent people to tell us the good news of heaven. We ask that this week, that you would grant us opportunities to pray for others and tell them about heaven as well. Send us your Spirit to help us plan for mission and to do mission in our community. Lord Jesus, thank you that you are King, and you give us everything we need to share your love with others. Amen.

