

Review:

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## Hometown Blues

Mark 6:1-6

*Sadly, we sometimes miss what God is doing or saying to us because of our preconceived notions of exactly how God should be speaking and what He should be saying. We miss it because we have conveniently made God into \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 1. Can you think of a time in your life when God moved or spoke in a way that did not fit your preconceived notions of how God should move or speak? Has God ever surprised you by WHOM He spoke through?**

*When my understanding of God and of others stagnates, with no growth or development (even as I grow and develop), I can lose my ability to engage \_\_\_\_\_ with God.*

**Discussion 2. Are there things I can do (or perhaps disciplines I can engage) to prevent my understanding of God from growing stale or stagnant? Are there Christians in your life whose potential you have minimized or even written off?**

*In any culture, it is asking much for the people who changed your diapers and scolded you as a teenager to then receive \_\_\_\_\_ and guidance from you as a young adult. It was true for Jesus, and it is true for all of us.*

**Discussion 3. Describe a time and circumstance when somebody had a hard time receiving counsel from you because they “knew you back when...”. If you were able to get beyond that perception problem, how did you do it?**

*Some of Jesus’ closest friends and family did not believe in Him, and so it will be for all of His followers. Following Jesus has a way of rearranging our \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 4. Are there any spiritual leaders in your life today who you knew when they were children? If so, what did it take for you to make that switch in your mind and heart?**