

June 28, 2026 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

"The Life of Risk-Taking from Absolute Safety" – Mark 6:1-13

1. Why is it often more difficult to trust Jesus when He is presented in the "familiar" and "ordinary" ways of our daily lives, rather than in the "remarkable" and "flashy" ways we expect success to look like?
2. Which of the Four Root Idols (**Comfort, Approval, Control, Power**) currently feels most "at risk" when you consider the call to live in total **dependency** on Jesus?
3. In what specific areas of your life or ministry do you feel like you can "manage just fine" without Jesus, and how does that belief in your own competence keep you from experiencing His power?
4. We discussed that you can lose vision and become "small-minded" when we reject dependency. What are the specific, painful consequences of this "dullness" for your personal prayer life and your witness to others?
5. How does the reality of your **Union with Christ** change the way you approach your daily tasks, compared to relying on your "independent willpower" to get things done?
6. When you feel that sense of "stuckness" or "dullness" in your faith, which question hits hardest: *What is my greatest nightmare? What do I worry about most? or What do I rely on (idol) for comfort when things go bad? Can you take the answer to Christ?*
7. How does the truth that Jesus was "led out of the camp" as a scapegoat for your sin provide the ultimate security you need to abandon your own "fig leaves" of self-protection and fully **depend** on Him?

FILLED IN ANSWERS TO THE SERMON OUTLINE

- I. True Kingdom mission operates in the tension of absolute dependency on the power of the King, realizing we follow a rejected King, as we can expect to experience the same rejection and success in our kingdom witness.

- II. The human heart, addicted to *self-reliance* and fearing rejection, demands spectacular shows of *certainty*, shuns the familiar as ineffective, and despises dependency on anything out of our complete control.

- III. Jesus absorbed the ultimate rejection and *vulnerability* in our place at the cross, absolute power on His side yet laying it down, and through perfect dependency on the Father, freely wrapping us in His unshakeable *righteousness* and accomplishing our redemption.

- IV. Because we are definitively treasured and approved in Christ, we now get to step out into our communities as His witnesses with a growing *dependency* on Christ, empowered by the Spirit to invite others into His gracious reign.