



## Study Guide

5th October

1. **Read Mark 6:1-6.** From looking at the passage again, does any detail or reflection stand out for you?
2. In verse 4 Jesus says, 'A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home'. The idiom 'familiarity breeds contempt' is felt to capture what Jesus says here. Why can familiarity breed contempt?
3. Have we allowed some of this mindset to creep into our relationships with others and even with God? **Read Revelation, 2:3-4.** Does this speak to us? What can help us to get back on track?
4. There are only two instances in the Gospels where Jesus is said to marvel at/be amazed at someone or something. Mark 6:6 and Luke 7:9. **Read Luke 7:1-10.** Why was the reaction of the Centurion so different to the people of Jesus' hometown?
5. What can help to strengthen our faith? Does trusting in God's character and in God's authority show us a way forward?
6. When did we last face rejection for trying to live out our faith?
7. What was your reaction to the 'Simone Biles on the Balance Beam approach to Christian living' versus the 'Steady as she goes' approach? Is there one particular step that could result in rejection that God is calling us to take this week?