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### 030. Consequences of Unbelief

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# TABLE TALK

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## Consequences of Unbelief

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### Prepare:

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*As one person lights a candle, the family reads together: (adapted from Psalm 125)*

C: Those who curse in the LORD are like Mount Zion,

R: which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

C: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

R: so the LORD surrounds his people.

### Read: Mark 6:1-6 (ESV)

6 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

### Reflect

Jesus teaches and heals people, but the people reject him and do not experience the blessings of the reign of God. This pericope provides a warning for Mark's readers of the consequences of unbelief.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Mark 6:1-6) means for you as a family.

*Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.*

### Pray:

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*The head of the household prays:*

Almighty Father, send your Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith and help us in our unbelief.

In Jesus's name, amen.