



## Power of God

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### Rejected in hometown – He doesn't force Himself on people

*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? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?" And they took offense at Him. Mark 6:2, 3*

### Sending out His followers – nothing stops our purpose

*And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two. So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. Mark 6:7, 12*

### Death of a friend – peer pressure ends a life

### Encouragement from serving God – joy in the journey

*The apostles returned to Jesus and told Him all that they had done and taught. Mark 6:30*

### Crowds need compassion – purpose continues

*When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Mark 6:34*

### Building faith muscle in followers – always teaching, encouraging faith

*He saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Mark 6:48-50*

### Change of plans leads to going to fertile soil & watching faith grow

*When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized Him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard He was. And wherever He came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored Him that they might touch even the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched it were made well. Mark 6:53-56*

### No matter what, keep walking by faith

### Power of God in this Place

Mark 6:30-44

**We don't all have what it takes, we need each other**

**Our best will never measure up, God must fill the gaping holes**

**God's best will overflow our baskets, supplying more than we could imagine**

### For your LifeGroup and growth time.

Has there been a time when you have been given a gift that really wasn't a "work of art", but you pretended it was like the Mona Lisa? Who gave you the gift & what did you do with it?

Mark chapter 6 outlines many different experiences Jesus had while living here on earth. Some were exciting, others were exhausting & others were full of grief. How do you think Jesus relied on the power of God to face each day?

"No matter what, keep walking by faith" was the theme of this week's message. When we trust God to provide, He will empower us to be His people in every situation. In what ways do you see God's power at work in your life today?

As group read Mark 6:33-44.

If you were one of the followers (disciples) there that day, how do you think you would have responded to Jesus' call, "You give them something to eat".

When have you experienced a time where you didn't have enough to meet the need at hand but, by faith, offered what you had to God and He multiplied your gift? How did that strengthen your faith?

Have there been times in your life when you created a mess & came to God with the crumbs needing Him to fix it? How did He answer your prayer? How did His answer strengthen your faith?

Are you facing a trial or situation now that demands you trust in the power of God? What roadblocks are standing in your way to trust Him? What victories have you seen since trusting in the God's power?

Remember these 3 take aways from the message:

- We don't all have what it takes, we need each other.
- Our best will never measure up, God must fill the gaping holes.
- God's best will overflow our baskets, supplying more than we could imagine.

How can we pray for each other this week?

*If you'd like to grow in your faith and connect with others, LifeGroups are a great place for you. For more information, drop us your name and we'll get back to you (emma@marinerscc.org)*