FURTHER STUDY GUIDE

Faithful to the End | Mark 6:7-30

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In this passage, Jesus sends out His disciples for the first time, giving them authority and calling them to depend on Him. But right in the middle of their mission, Mark interrupts the story with the account of John the Baptist's death. This isn't random—it shows us the reality of following Jesus.

Some will obey. Some will resist. And some will suffer for their faithfulness.

Together, this passage paints a clear picture: following Jesus is not easy—but it is worth it.

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

What's something you've done recently that required stepping out of your comfort zone?

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Faithfulness Obeys (vv. 7–13)

1. What does the way Jesus sends the disciples teach us about obedience?

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2. Why does Jesus tell them to take so little with them? What is He developing in them?

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3. How does their message of repentance reflect the mission of Jesus?

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4. Where might Jesus be calling you to take a step of obedience right now?

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Faithfulness Endures (vv. 14–20)

5. Why were people confused about who Jesus was? What does that reveal about the human heart?

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6. What stands out about Herod's response to John the Baptist?

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7. How can someone be drawn to truth but still resist it?

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8. How should we respond when our faith is misunderstood or not received?

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Faithfulness Never Backs Down (vv. 21–29)

9. What do you learn from John the Baptist's example of boldness?

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10. What kept Herod from doing what he knew was right?

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11. Where do you see the dangers of pride, fear, or people-pleasing in this story?

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12. What does it look like to stand firm in your faith in today's culture?

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Faithfulness Returns to Jesus (v. 30)

13. Why is it significant that the disciples return and report to Jesus?

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14. What does this teach us about staying connected to Him?

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15. How can we avoid measuring success by results instead of faithfulness?

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16. What rhythms help you stay rooted in Jesus while living on mission?

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PERSONAL DEVOTION

Take a few quiet moments to reflect:

- Where is Jesus calling me to **obey** right now?
- Where do I need to **endure** instead of giving up?
- Where am I tempted to **back down** instead of standing firm?

QUESTIONS | REFLECTIONS | OBSERVATIONS

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