

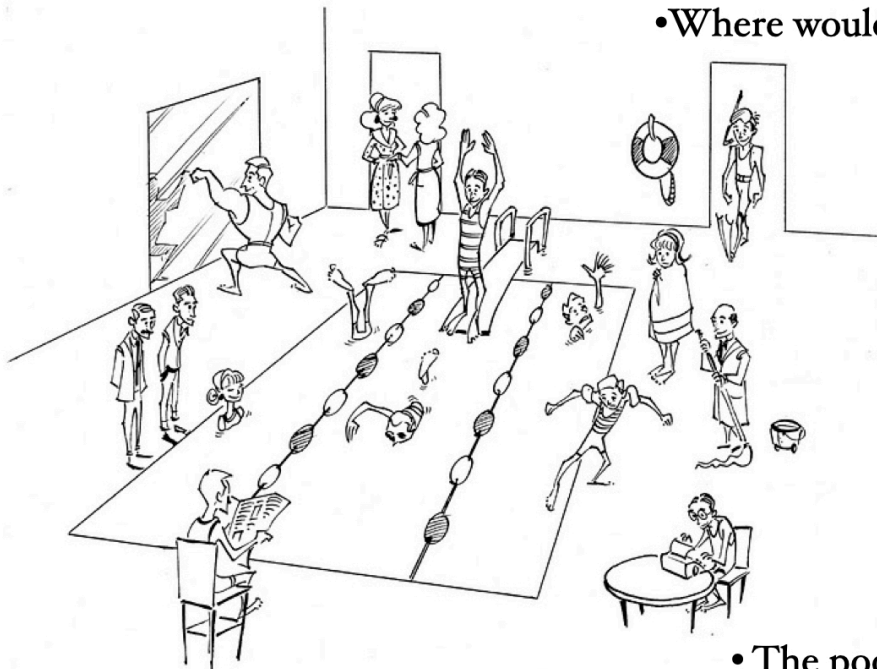
NSAC SGO's Mark 6:1-6 on FAITH. Jan. 5'25

From Brendan: "These questions are a guide. You do not have to use every question. Knowing your group, go over these questions and ask God what questions you should focus on. May God bless and guide your discussions!"

Intro:

- How would you describe what FAITH is?
- This is a well known passage. Try reading it with fresh eyes! **Read Mark 6:1-6**
- What stands out to you?
- How does this story shift the narrative in Mark?
- How was the "Pool of Faith" exercise for you? If you are comfortable, share about where you are and where you would like to be!

Which figure in the picture best represents the place you each are in your faith walk right now and why.



- Where are you currently at in your faith?
- Where would you like to be?

- The pool represents your faith in Jesus

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think the people of Nazareth rejected Jesus despite his teaching and miracles?
- How does familiarity with Jesus (or church life) sometimes prevent us from fully trusting and acting on his word?
- Jesus often acts in response to faith. Are there areas in your life where you feel hesitant to ask Jesus for help? Why?
- How can we cultivate a church culture where faith is active and inviting to Jesus' wisdom and power?
- Jeremiah 6:16 "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."
 - What does it mean to "walk in it"?

Hope for skeptics and Prodigals:

- Who in your life needs prayer to encounter Jesus? How can the group support you in praying for them?
- Have you experienced someone close to you come to faith after years of doubt? Share their story.
- How can we lovingly witness to skeptics in our lives?

Challenge for the Week:

- Identify one area in your life where you need to step out in faith. Pray specifically for Jesus to meet you there and share your experience in the next group meeting.

Prayer Time:

- Thank Jesus for his wisdom, power, and presence in your life.
- Pray for deeper faith and trust as individuals and as a church community.
- Lift up specific people who need to encounter Jesus and experience his love.