

In Mark 6:1-6, Jesus returns to his hometown to teach in their synagogue. The people are amazed by him. Then, they are offended. They remember that they knew him growing up and they recall his family. They remember that he is the son of a carpenter. They think that because they remember facts about Jesus, they know him.

1. What does it mean to "know" someone?
2. How do you know if you know someone well?
3. In what ways does this crowd know Jesus accurately? In what ways do they allow what they do know about Jesus blind them to what else they could learn about Jesus?

Throughout the gospel of Mark, the disciples don't really understand who Jesus is. They can't embrace that suffering and going to the cross is central to Jesus' mission. They see the deeds of power, but they can't accept the pain that Jesus will endure.

4. Why do you think Mark made sure to tell us about the disciples not truly understanding who Jesus is?

Mark wants us to truly know Jesus.

5. What do you think knowing Jesus means in the Gospel of Mark?
6. Do you know Jesus? If not, do you know people who can guide you to Jesus?

Questions for families with children:

1. When you know someone, what does that mean? How can you tell if you really know someone?
2. How does knowing Jesus change your daily routine and the way you treat people?

Weekly Bible Readings:

Feb. 24 - Ezekiel 2:1-5 (read in worship on Sunday)

Feb. 25 - Mark 9:14-29

Feb. 26 - Mark 9:30-32

Feb. 27 - Mark 9:33-37

Feb. 28 - Mark 9:38-41

Feb. 29 - Mark 9:42-50

Passage for Sunday, March 1:

Mark 6:45-51a