WEEK 5 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS • "SKEPTICISM, UNBELIEF, REJECTION"

GETTING TO KNOW ME

What has been one of the most difficult aspects of following Jesus for you?

INTO THE BIBLE

- 1. What were the main points of the sermon? What was the main point of the sermon?
- 2. Read Mark 6:1-6. Why do those who've been raised in the church often become apathetic?
- 3. Read Matthew 7:21-23. Why does Jesus turn these people away? What is the point here?
- 4. Read 1 John 5:13. When can we have assurance of salvation? How important is this?
- 5. Read Mark 6:7-29.
 - Why was Herod attracted to Jesus? Why are people attracted to Jesus today?
 - How is it clear that Herod's fear was not the Fear of the Lord?
 - Who are some public figures today who reject Jesus yet profess to admire Him?
- 6. Read Mark 6:30-56.
 - Why do you think these two miracles are placed back-to-back in Mark?
 - In verse 43, why were there twelve baskets left over? Why would Mark emphasize this?
 - Compare this story with the one in Mark 4:35-41; note similarities and differences.
- 7. Read Mark 7:1-23.
 - Note verses 8-9. Who are some religious leaders today who distort the teachings of Jesus?
 - How can we have better discernment when it comes to who we read, who we listen to?
- 8. Read Matthew 11:20-24.
 - Why will some be judged more harshly than others on Judgment Day?
 - Where were Korazin and Bethsaida? What was unique about them in relation to Jesus?

APPLICATION

Read 1 John 2:3-6. How can verbal professions of faith in Jesus be deceptive? What can be done to help encourage a true faith commitment to Jesus?