

## RECAP

“Being anxious when on mission is a pretty normal feeling ...Because discipleship and mission with Jesus costs us control and comfort.”

**What opportunities did you have to live on mission this week? How did being a disciple of Jesus cost you control and comfort as you engaged in your spheres of influence?**

## IDEA 1

Read Matthew 13:53-58

- **Why do you think the response to Jesus was different in Nazareth compared to other places he had visited?**
- **What are some of the preconceived ideas that you’ve heard people share about Jesus?**
- **How are we like the people of Nazareth? Who are we dismissing because of our preconceived ideas?**

## IDEA 2

"Jesus wasn't diminished or impoverished by this encounter, but the people of Nazareth were both impoverished and diminished by their failure to recognize their Messiah."

- **How do our preconceived ideas about Jesus and others impoverish us? What do we miss out on?**

“What was Jesus’s response? He maintained a non-anxious presence in the face of criticism and rejection. He did not defend and protect his reputation. Jesus had no doubt about his identity - He knew who His Father was.”

- **How are we like Jesus - grounded in our identity as children of God? What do we do in the face of criticism and rejection?**

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

**Start by asking God to expose any false assumptions or prejudices you have.**

You may find it helpful to pray these words from Psalm 139 together:

*Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
Point out anything in me that offends you,  
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*

**As the Holy Spirit exposes these things in your heart, take time to confess your sin to God and to one another.**

- **Is there something that God is asking you to do in response? How is God calling you to live differently in light of your confession?**

## NEXT STEPS

**What is a next step this week that you can take to anchor yourself as a child of God?**

You may find it helpful to reflect and/or memorize these scriptures:

*"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."*

**John 1:12**

*"For you are all Children of God through faith in Christ Jesus."*

**Galatians 3:26**

*"See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him."*

**1 John 3:1**