

# To Be A Disciple

## Mark 6:31-56

### Into the Lesson:

By way of review and continuing the "snapshot" theme, read Mark 6 and label each of the snapshots in this chapter, so far:

6:1-6a-  
6:6b-13-  
6:14-29-  
6:30-44-  
6:45-52-  
6:53-56-

For extra credit, it wouldn't kill you to do the same for all that we have studied so far, then continue as we make our way through Mark.

### Into the Word:

After reading Mark 6:31-56, note the one verse you would *least* like to have said about you.

Compare this gathering with what we read and can surmise from Herod's birthday:

The guests involved-  
The menu-  
Were there to-go containers provided for the guests? -

The response of the guests (we can only imagine how Herod's friends felt as they were leaving)-

After the crowd was sent away (v.45), what percentage of the group do you think would have asked... "What's next?" -

With the birth of the church (Day of Pentecost) still a couple years down the road, what are the indications that the believers were convinced "this is a new way to do church."

How does Acts 18: 24-27 give an indication that people got the message?

From Sam's sermon, does it appear that the Disciples had yet learned "what it means to be a disciple of Christ"?

### Into Life:

One of the distinctive aspects of Valley Christian Church is the attitude of "What's Next"?

How do we see evidence of this, and build on it, in:

Missions support and involvement-  
Children's Ministry-  
The beginning of our "Baby boom"-  
Training of Communion preparers and servers-  
Training and encouragement of those providing communion meditations-  
Praise and Prayer Ministry-

Consider the urgency Jesus placed on prayer-

Mark 1:12-13, 35; 6:45-46-

What do we need to do to make sure we don't miss the obvious opportunity for the need *that seems most pressing*?

Without ever compromising our strong stance on Scripture (and an occasional quote from Paul Simon), how can we develop a mindset of "What's Next" as we grow in our Discipleship?

***Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.***

***-Ephesians 3:20-21***