

## **TOO ORDINARY**

As preached on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** Mark 6:1-6a

1. Can you remember a time in your life when “familiarity bred contempt”? What do you think causes that to happen?
2. Jesus returns to his hometown of Nazareth at the beginning of this passage. What kind of town was Nazareth? What kind of reputation did it have?
3. How did people initially respond to Jesus as he began to teach in the synagogue? How did this response compare to the ways Jesus was received in other places?
4. By the end of v.3 the response of the people has changed. What caused the change? Why did they take offense at Jesus?
5. In what ways can our own experience or familiarity with church life or Christianity cause us offense or negatively impact our faith in Christ?
6. In v.4 Jesus responds with a proverb. What does he mean? In what ways does Jesus’ statement foreshadow his death?
7. In Chapter 5 there are signs of great faith among the people and yet Mark tells us that Jesus was “amazed at their lack of faith” in Nazareth. What was the consequence of their lack of faith?
8. What about us? What is the relationship between our own faith and God’s work at FHPC and in our personal lives? How can we learn to have more faith even amidst the ordinary?