DAY 01 |

Principle:
Becoming a follower of Jesus can cause the people around us to reject us.

Read Matthew 13:53-58, Mark 6:4, Jeremiah 11:21, 12:6, 1 Kings 19:10, and Luke 13:34

1. Why do you think those in Jesus' hometown took offense to His teaching?

2. How have those who knew you in your younger years responded to the way you live out your faith in Jesus today?

DAY 02 |

Principle:
God provides every man with a conscience and the ability to understand right and wrong.

Read Matthew 14:1-12, Mark 6:14-29, Luke 23:6-11, and Proverbs 6:16-19

1. How did Herod ignore his conscience? What are the sins he commits?

2. What are you ignoring that you sense your conscience is telling you? Why are you resisting?

DAY 03 |

Principle:
The compassion of Jesus leads Him to care for His people even during His own suffering.

Read Matthew 14:13-22, Mark 14:33-34, John 11:33-35, and Exodus 16

1. What have these scriptures shown you about the humanity of Jesus? What does this miracle teach you about His deity?

2. What do the "leftovers" remaining after serving the crowd teach you about how Jesus will care for you when you obediently serve Him?

DAY 04 |

Principle:
Jesus, the King who rules over all creation, uses difficult circumstances to grow the faith of His people.

Read Matthew 14:23-33, Psalm 65:5-8, Hebrews 12:7-11, and 1 Peter 1:6-7

1. Why did Jesus "set up" the disciples for this event? What do you learn about Jesus, Peter, and the other disciples?

2. Whose faith do you most relate to: Peter or the other disciples in the boat? Why?