

In The Crowd Series
The Familiar
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Opening

-NRBC update...

-really felt the Holy Spirit's direction this week to pause on the responses and encourage those who have come each week and still haven't experienced Jesus the way they have observed others experience Him.

-December series...

-PRAY

Introduction

-okay parents...here is your chance to vent...something that has made you feel like: "How many times do I have to tell you..."

-Mark 6:1-6...He couldn't...He was amazed, how much do you think it takes to confuse Jesus, to make Him feel the sentiment: "How is this possible?"

-Are we those children to God when it comes to believing He can do something seemingly impossible in our lives?

-City Life Church

- God knows...
- God cares...
- God is able...

-Why do we so often posture ourselves like the people of Nazareth, the crowd of unbelief?

The Familiar Crowd (a place of unbelieving)

-story of Jairus' daughter

-Mark 5:21-23, 35-43 (Matthew 9:18-26 & Luke 8:40-56)

- Verse 35 "...there is no use..."
- Verse 37 "...Jesus stopped the crowd..."
- Verse 40 "...the crowd laughed at Him..."

-Is your struggle with unbelief because of the company you keep?
(interesting it was ALL of Nazareth!)

-I'm not saying get rid of all your friends...I'm saying add more who are people of faith so that you can become the person that inspires faith in others!!!!!!

The Familiar Christ (a place of unbelieving)

-you've prayed before and nothing happened...no frame of reference with Jesus being a healer...

-**were Jesus' powers manifested as a child**...probably not given His families reaction to Him...they were His family and were familiar with a different Jesus!

- Mark 3:20-21, 31-32
- Matthew 13:53-58

-Two words: Bohemian Rhapsody

-Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. They reach unparalleled success...

- Every artist wants to go beyond entertaining and move people...
- Why so many youth wander...
- I wanted to be moved deeply when I was young...

-For some of you, Jesus has only ever been presented to you as someone to contemplate intellectually, a belief, something cerebral...yes, Jesus is all those things but also so much more! There must also be something visceral, a deep emotional experience!

-We never stop being Nicodemus...but may we all cross the threshold of being Mary with the alabaster jar at Jesus feet! (Luke 7:36-38)

-Trust Jesus' timing and expect Him to move your heart and not just convince your mind!!!!

The Familiar Church

-for some of you here, your struggle with unbelief is because you have never been a part of a church like City Life before!

-Because how we do church here is so unfamiliar to you it is hard for you to step into ministry moments.

-people in Jesus' day had the same struggle!

-process to become a Rabbi...Jesus did NONE of that...explain process...this is why religious leaders always questioned His authority because your rabbinical authority was granted by the Rabbi under whom you studied...

-Bet Sefer

- At age 6
- Local Rabi and local Synagogue
- Until age 10
- Memorize Genesis – Deuteronomy

-Bet Talmud

- At age 10, only those with promise...
- Others..."Go learn your father's trade..."
- Jesus and all his disciples...all tradesmen, rejected!"
- Memorize rest of OT...39 books...

-Bet Midrash

- Apply to be a disciple: learn, live, teach
- Abandon everything...
- "Can this kid spread my yoke?"
- "Come, follow me!"

-really what they were saying to Jesus so often was, "Hey, you aren't doing this right!"

-be patient with yourself...what may now be unfamiliar will one day become something you celebrate and stepping into ministry moments will be your new familiar!

Band

-Mark 5:40

-Will you be Peter, James, and John every week for others here?

Close

-Mark 6:52...their problem was Christological...they still did not understand the true nature of Jesus, fully divine...