

“GIVING THE GLAD NEWS TO CAPERNAUM”

1. Jesus faced rejection from His home town of Nazareth. Why do you think they rejected Him? In what ways do you think this rejection affected Jesus? When have you ever faced rejection by a friend, loved one, or family member?

2. How much did you love geography in school? What is significant about the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, Nazareth and Capernaum? Why does Isaiah call this region “the region and shadow of death”?

3. Why do you think Jesus set up shop in Capernaum? Which disciples were from there? Why is it called “by the way of the sea”. What does the name “Capernaum” mean?

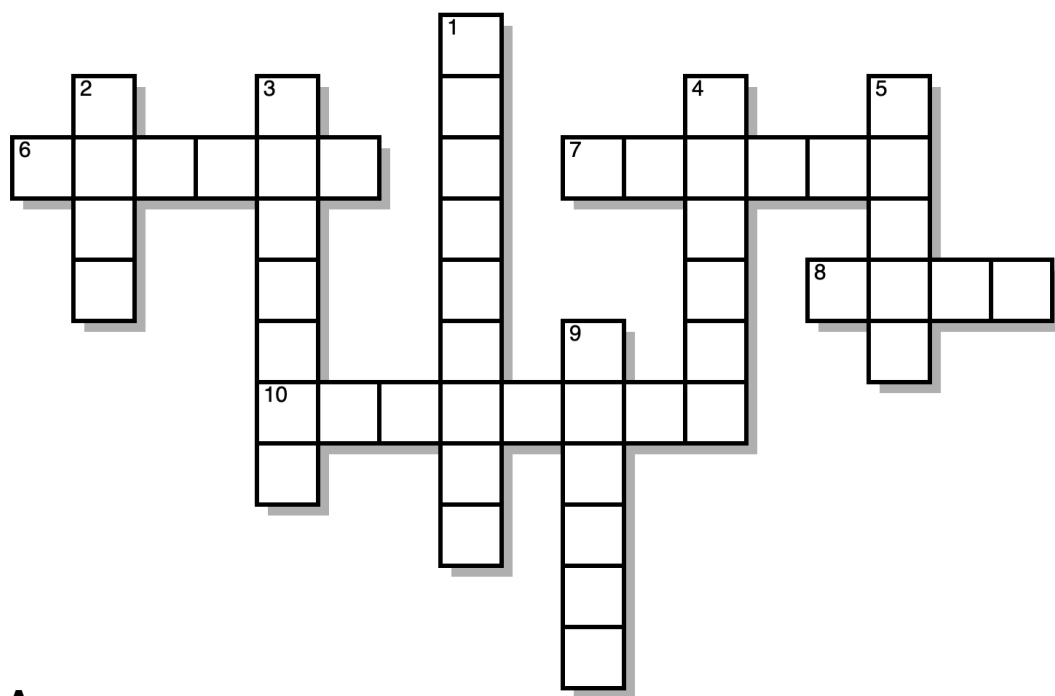
4. How does the geography help us to frame Jesus’ message “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”? How do the loving actions of the Church help prepare the way for the message of the Church? What happens if you have one without the other?

5. Rabbis never were the ones to call disciples to follow after them. It would always be the disciples who would be the ones to seek a rabbi out. Why do you think Jesus reverses this norm?

6. What is different about what Jesus is calling His disciples into than what disciples of other rabbis were called into? What would you jump at and what would you shy away from that was involved in this call?

7. What is holiness? What role does holiness play in Jesus’ call to come and follow Him? Why is this complete surrender into perfect love so necessary for an effective ministry?

8. What is the defining characteristic/image of **your** religion? Why? How is that being lived out?

**Across**

6 In Jewish culture, disciples were never called by _____.

7 This leader failed to expel all the foreign nations from the promised land.

8 A priest would never call a Galilean _____.

10 This town became famous for its rejection of the Messiah.

Down

1 This city was in the region of Naphtali.

2 Jesus said that "the kingdom of heaven is at _____."

3 What industry was Capernaum chiefly known for?

4 This prophet wrote about "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali..."

5 Capernaum literally means "Village of _____".

9 What "turning" word does Jesus cry out in this region?

WORD SEARCH:

Land	Father
Sea	Galilee
Darkness	Pagan
Light	Foreigners
Shadow	Soap
Death	Mediterranean
Dawned	Peter
Kingdom	Andrew
Heaven	James
Goyim	John
Gentiles	Matthew
Jerusalem	Rabbis
Peace	Disciples
Visitation	Casserole

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