

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Matthew 13:53-58

Getting Started

Tell about someone who believed in you.

Digging In

1. Background: What has Jesus been doing in the earlier part of the chapter?
2. Which of these 7 parables did you find most meaningful or helpful? Why?
3. **Read Matthew 13:53-56.** Describe the setting. What is his hometown?
4. Why were the people amazed?
5. In verses 54-56 the people ask 6 questions. What is the basic point of all their questions?
6. What do we learn about Jesus' family from their questions?
7. **Read Matthew 13:57.** How else did they respond to Jesus *wisdom* and *miraculous powers*?
8. What do you think Jesus meant by his statement in the latter part of v. 57?
9. **Read Matthew 13:58.** Why didn't Jesus do many miracles in Nazareth? (cf. Mark 6:4-6)
10. Why was Moses slow to trust God to use him. (Exodus 3-4)
11. How did God respond to Moses' lack of faith?



Getting Personal

- What are the implications of v. 58 for our own lives?
- Is there something that you think God might want to do **in** your life that is limited by a lack of faith?
- Is there something that you think God might want to do **through** you?
- What is one specific faith-building step you can take?
- How can we strengthen the faith of others?