

Mark 6:30-44

INTRODUCTION

After returning from their missionary work, Jesus uses the apostles to perform extraordinary ministry for the glory of their king.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- What is your overall impression of Jesus in this passage?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Mark 6:30-44**
- Why do you think this is the only miracle, other than the resurrection, that all four gospels record?
- Why does Jesus ask them to give the masses something to eat?
- How is this miracle an act of grace to the apostles?
- Why do they try to make him king after this miracle (**John 6:15**)?

APPLICATION

- Do you have a tendency to work too much or too little? Are you good at resting? Discuss.
- What is greater: your capacity towards irritation or compassion? Discuss. How does this passage help?
- Imagine you're an apostle: What are you thinking about when you're handing out this food and collecting the leftovers?
- Do you ever respond to needs the way the apostles did in **v37**? Explain.
- What are you focusing on when you have trouble trusting God to meet practical needs?
- Alexander McLaren (18th century Scottish pastor), "*It is often our God given duty to attempt something of which we are totally inadequate – in the understanding that God has laid the task on us to drive us to Himself, & there to find sufficiency.*" Thoughts? Experiences?
- In what way does Jesus satisfy your longings? How can you grow in your delight in Jesus?
- JC Ryle (19th century Anglican pastor) "*The heart of man can never be satisfied with the things of this world. It is always empty, and hungry, and thirsty, and dissatisfied, till it comes to Christ.*" Discuss your experience of this statement?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?