

THE GOSPEL OF
mark

A Lot with a Little
Mark 6:30-44 & 8:1-10

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Mark 8:1, 6-9a

Similarities

Differences

Chew on this...

1. If you embrace a scarcity mindset, you'll never see God's _____.
2. God can't _____ what is still in your _____.
3. God wants to _____ you in his kingdom work.

God can do a lot with your little.

What of your time, your energy, your resources is God inviting you to share for his glory and others' good?

Gospel of Mark: A Lot with a Little

Questions based on Sermon from February 25, 2024

Getting to Know Me

1. What is the longest time you have gone without food?
2. How do you act when you are 'hangry'?

Digging Deeper

3. What did you learn or grapple with from Pastor Phil's sermon this past Sunday?
4. Read Mark 6:30-34 and Mark 8:1-3. What similarities do you see in these two passages? What was Jesus's reaction to seeing the people and their need? How does this give you more insight into his character?
5. Compare and contrast the opening of the Feeding of 5,000 in each of the four Gospels. How are they the same and how are they different? Who was the audience? Why do you think this miracle is repeated in all four Gospels?

Matthew 14:13-14 –

Luke 9:10-11 –

John 6:1-6 –

6. Read John 6:9: The boy had very little, yet Jesus was able to use his infinite power to create enough food to feed the entire crowd. Do you think it was difficult for the boy to give up his meal with no guarantee of having any for himself? In what area of your life do you notice God providing for you? What are some needs you can trust God for this week?

7. Read Mark 6:35-38 and 8:4-5: The disciples have already witnessed Jesus' power over and over again, yet they doubt Jesus' ability to feed the crowd. When do you doubt God's ability to perform a miraculous transformation in your life? What miracles have you already experienced in your life that you can use to remind you of his provision and power?

8. Read Mark 6:39-44 and 8:6-10: What surprises you about the reaction of the people who gathered? How do trust, faith and obedience play into this scene? Where can our reliance on God's provision be demonstrated in our lives?

Going Deeper

9. Reflect on when you have seen God do a lot with a little in your life.
10. Look back at the 3 main points to chew on. What hits home the most for you?
11. What do you have that you can entrust to the Lord so that others will meet Jesus? Spend time in prayer asking God to show you what of your time, energy, or resources you can entrust him to multiply.

Prayer

In this passage, we see that Jesus wants to involve us in his work. Pray that God will give you clear direction on how you can partner with him *to guide people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.*

Read Psalm 145 together. Praise God for his faithfulness to provide for us. Thank God that we can trust him with our resources to further His kingdom.

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