

Study Guide: Called to Feed the Hungry

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Introduction

- What was the best gift you ever received? What did you do with it? How did it change you?

Read Mark 6:30-44.

I. Hungry

- Why does Jesus have compassion on the crowd?
- Read 1 Kings 22:1-19 and Ezekiel 34:1-6. How does this provide context for Mark's statement in verse 34?
- Read Mark 6:14-29. How do the above Scriptures relate to Herod Antipas?
- In light of this information, what kind of hunger drove the crowds to see Jesus?
- How have you felt this kind of hunger? What does it look like in your life?

II. Fed

Read verse 44.

- If physical hunger is only shadow of a greater hunger, what is their "satisfaction" a shadow of?
- The gospel of John connects the feeding of the 5000 with the manna in the wilderness, drawing a connection between Moses and Jesus. Read Numbers 27:16-20. Who is the immediate answer to Moses' prayer? Who is the greater Joshua?
- Joshua pushed the Canaanites out of the land. Who has Jesus been pushing out? What kind of revolution is Jesus leading?
- Compare verse 41 with Mark 14:22. How does Jesus plan on saving the people from their greatest and last enemy, death?

III. Called to Feed the Hungry

Read the red letters in Mark 6:30-44 (verses 31, 37, 38)

- Is this passage more about the crowd or about the disciples, judging by Mark's details?
- How do you connect these verses?

Wrap-up

- Do you think feeding others is the necessary result of being fed?