

Message Notes
"Everything We Need"
Mark 6:31-56
Jesus: The Gospel of Mark, Part 15
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The World Needs Jesus (Mark 6:7-12, 30-34, 54-55)

Fully devoted followers of Jesus...

- A. stay connected to Him.
- B. are growing in compassion.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand (Mark 6:35-44)

Fully devoted followers of Jesus...

- C. desire to be instruments useful to the Master's mission. (2 Timothy 2:21)
- D. want others to know Jesus, the Bread of Life, and be fully satisfied in Him!

Jesus Walks on the Water (Mark 6:45-52)

Fully devoted followers of Jesus...

- E. recognize the futility of relying solely on their own strength.
- F. are learning to fully entrust themselves to Jesus, depending on Him in every circumstance. (1 Peter 2:21-25)

Growth Group Questions
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1. Jesus responds to the needs of people from a deeply-felt compassion. In the time you've been following Jesus, how have you noticed Him increasing your compassion for others?
2. It is curious to note that although Peter is the eye witness behind Mark's writing, the story of Peter walking on the water is left out of Mark's Gospel. Read Matthew 14:28-33. Keeping in mind the points listed on the back of this sheet, consider and discuss what we should learn from Peter's experience.
3. On Sunday, we said that fully devoted followers of Jesus desire to be instruments useful to the Master's mission. God wants to work through YOU in sharing the Good News and showing His love to others. How is God calling you to join with Him in His mission? What "loaves and fish" is he calling you to contribute? And how are you responding? With questions/excuses or with a willing obedience?
4. As followers of Jesus, it is important to recognize the futility of relying on our own strength. In what area of life have you found yourself "straining at the oars," not looking to the Lord for help? Perhaps even though He has demonstrated His presence and faithfulness in the past?
5. Two Sundays back, we talked about the fact that being a Christ-follower doesn't insulate us from experiencing trials and/or suffering. Life is not fair but the Bible urges us to respond to suffering by following the example of Christ. Read 1 Peter 2:21-25 and discuss Jesus' response at the end of verse 23. Pray that each person in your group will entrust themselves to the [only] One who judges justly.