

Right in Front of You: The Gospel of Mark

A study for Community Groups to use the week of May 3rd

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Series Guide** to complete foundational questions in the book for week 5 using the scripture below.

Week 12: Mark 6:30-

Overview

Mark doesn't just tell us what Jesus did; he shows us who Jesus is in a way that forces us to rethink the world we're living in and the stories we're being sold every day.

It is important for disciples to focus on the source of the provision, God, rather than the means and methods He uses to provide. By thanking God for the food and then providing it miraculously for the people, Jesus was presenting evidence that He was God. Thoughtful individuals in the crowd remembered God's miraculous provision of manna in the wilderness (John 6:14) and realized that Jesus was God's servant who delivered what God provided, namely, a second Moses. Jesus served the people through the disciples who presented what He had provided to the multitudes. The disciples served as waiters. This is the work of servant disciples. This was another lesson in discipleship. – Constable's Notes

Questions

*In the Series Guide you will find basic questions we want all to use as they begin to look at the passage. Questions such as; *Who have you had the opportunity to BLESS this week? What does this passage reveal about God? About people? About the life He has planned for us?* These additional questions relate to the passage specifically for your benefit.

- Mark 6:34 says Jesus “had compassion on them... like sheep without a shepherd” and began to teach them. Where do you see needs around you right now that are easy to overlook or avoid? What typically shapes your response in those moments? As a group, how can we grow in not just noticing needs, but being moved toward people the way Jesus is?
- Think about a situation in your life right now that feels overwhelming or beyond what you can handle. How are you tempted to respond—avoid, delay, or pass it off? What might it look like to take one small, faithful step instead?
- In Mark 6:38–41, the disciples offer what little they have, and Jesus multiplies it as they keep coming back to Him. What feels “not enough” in your life right now (time, capacity, resources, courage)? How does that keep you from stepping into what God may be inviting you to? As a group, what would it look like to practice bringing what we have to Jesus this week and trusting Him with the outcome?