

WHO IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MINISTER TO?

MARK 8:1-10

CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS — MAY 1, 2022

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:1-10 ESV

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, 2 “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. 3 And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” 4 And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” 5 And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” 6 And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. 7 And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. 8 And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. 9 And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. 10 And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

SERMON RECAP

Key Points For Us Today

Who is God calling you to minister to?

- God makes you aware of a need.
- God exposes your inadequacy.
- God asks you to offer the little that you already have.
- God works through you in a way that brings him glory.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does the passage say?

Read Mark 8:1-10 aloud as a group and take some time to let group members share observations about the passage. Try not to move into interpretation of the passage or application of what you have read quite yet. Simply share what you all observe from the text. You might ask questions like:

- Who all is involved in this story?
- Where did this story take place?
- What were the events that unfolded (including the problem at hand)?
- What were the differences between this event and the previous feeding? See Mark 6:30-44.
- What are some of the major events that have happened between the feeding of the five thousand and the feeding of the four thousand?

What does the passage mean?

We have seen multiple events in the book of Mark, leading up to and including today's story, that teach us about the different ways that Jesus cares for people and uses others to care for people.

1. How does Mark show that that Jesus' care for people is holistic?

- How did Jesus care for peoples' minds? See Mark 4:1-2, Mark 7:14.
 - How did Jesus care for their souls? See Mark 2:5, Mark 3:14, Mark 6:12.
 - How did Jesus care for their physical needs? See Mark 6:31, Mark 6:56, Mark 7:33-34.
2. How does Mark show that Jesus' care for people is universal?
 - How did Jesus have compassion on and care for his disciples? See Mark 8:4-6.
 - How did Jesus show compassion to the crowds? See Mark 8:2-3. (And how did they ultimately care for him? See Mark 15:12-15.)
 - How did Jesus care for and show compassion to the Jews? See Mark 6:30-44.
 - How did Jesus care for and show compassion to the Gentiles? See Mark 8:1-10.
 - How did Jesus care for those who were societal outcasts? See Mark 7:24-30.
 3. How does Mark show that Jesus uses inadequate people to help meet the needs of others?
 4. What does this passage reveal about Jesus' character and nature? What does it reveal about what he loves?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can we apply this passage to our lives?

To become like Christ means we care for all people holistically. Who is God calling you to minister to?

- What needs surround you? What needs has God made you aware of?
- In what ways are you inadequate to meet these needs on your own?
- In what ways do you need to offer God the little that you have and allow him to work through you?
- Pray and ask God to work through you in a way that will bring him much glory.

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