

Dig Deeper

For The Servant on the Mission: I Have Compassion on These People

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Text: Mark 8:1-12

1. Share a story of a season when you longed to belong. How did it turn out?
2. Compare and contrast the feeding of the 4000 with the feeding of the 5000. What significance is there in the differences? In the similarities?
3. Are you convinced by David's conclusion that Mark 7 – Mark 8:1-12 is an expansion of Jesus' mission for the benefit of Gentiles as well as Jews?
4. "Jesus is for anyone" – how is this a true statement? How might it be mistaken? How do you have a hard time believing this for yourself? What "others" do you have difficulty believing this about?
5. How does your difficulty believing "Jesus is for anyone" about others affect your thoughts, attitudes, actions, and behaviors toward "those people"?
6. How does that cause you to miss out on the work Jesus is doing and wants to do?
7. Are you a complainer? Why do you complain? What's underneath all of that?
8. What keeps you from joining in the work Jesus is doing and wants to do?
9. How does Jesus' example in the feeding of 5000 with a clear "division of labor" free you to join in his work?
10. Who is Jesus telling you "I have compassion for these people" and how will you set what Jesus gives you before them?