

DISCUSSION GUIDE

MAY 23/24, 2020

WHEN THE NEED YOU SEE IS GREATER THAN THE RESOURCES YOU HAVE – NOW WHAT?
MARK 6:30-44

Note to Leaders: Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

FOR STARTERS

1. Share with the group the name of the child or children you are sponsoring in Honduras. What are your hopes for that child and yourself or your family?
2. What happens in your heart and mind when you hear that every day around the world 18,000 children under the age of five die of a preventable disease? That's over 2.5 million kids since January 1.

DIGGING IN

1. Read Mark 6:30-44.
 - a. What is surprising in this story?
 - b. What do we learn about Jesus/God?
 - c. What do we learn about ourselves?
 - d. What would it have been like to be one of the disciples that day?
 - e. What do we learn about how to respond to overwhelming needs?
2. If you had to break down what Jesus is teaching His disciples in three to four phrases or sentences, how would you summarize His teaching?
3. Look up the stories in Exodus 16:11-18 and 2 Kings 4:42-48. How are they similar to Mark 9 and what do you make of the fact that in each story there are leftovers?

4. Speaking of leftovers, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do (not to do) with them? Look up John 6:12.

BRINGING IT HOME

1. What need(s) right now, in your life or this world, is tempting you to throw your hands up and say “there’s no way I can address this need and bring change”?
2. Jesus asked an important question—what do you have? Go and see, i.e take inventory. How is God using that teaching to help you respond to the great needs that you are confronted by? What personal resources have you been overlooking?
3. How is God reshaping your mind and heart through this passage? What is God asking you to offer to Him—what’s your next move look like?
4. When it comes to great need, it’s easy to respond like the disciples—they wanted the crowds to go away! What’s it going to take for us to see the world with Jesus’ eyes so that compassion (love in action), not just empathy (feeling bad but no action), is our first move?

GOING DEEPER

1. As a group, watch this short video (2:28 min.) called “[One Act](#)” and learn more about Compassion International’s work around the world. Pray for Honduras, the work of our four partner churches and for the kids you have sponsored.
2. Read, meditate on and memorize this Scripture: “The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9

PRAYER REQUESTS

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