

YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT

Mark 6:30-44

Key Verse: 6:37a

* HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM (30-34)

1. Read verse 30. Where had the apostles been and what had they been doing? Why were they called "apostles"? What might they have reported to Jesus? Read verse 31. What did the disciples need now? What was Jesus' plan?
2. Read verses 32-33. Where did Jesus and his disciples go? Who was waiting for them when they arrived? Why were these people so desperate and determined?
3. Read verse 34. How might the disciples have felt about this crowd? How did Jesus feel about them? Why? What did he do? What did he see as their real need?

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4. Read verses 35-36. After some time, what reasonable suggestion did the disciples make? What does this reveal about them?
5. Read verse 37. What did Jesus say to them? What does this command reveal about Jesus' intention? About his heart and mind? Why should they be responsible for feeding this crowd?
6. How did the disciples respond to Jesus' command? (37b) What does this response reveal about Jesus' disciples? Why did they need to learn faith?
7. What did Jesus ask them to do? (38) Why? How was he teaching them practical faith?
8. What can we learn from Jesus' question, "How many loaves do you have?" and from his command, "Go and see"?
9. Read verses 38b-42. How many loaves and fish did they have? What did Jesus then direct the disciples to do? Why? What did Jesus do with the loaves and fish?
10. Read verses 43-44. How else did the disciples participate in feeding the crowd? What did the disciples learn from this event about Jesus? About how to do God's work?