

C. God wants us to care for a world who needs Jesus!

Acts 1:8 *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

Romans 10:14 *“How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”*

Jesus Satisfies the Hungry!

Mark 8:1-10

Lesson #29

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Matthew 15:29 *“Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then He went up on a mountainside and sat down. ^[30] Great crowds came to Him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at His feet; and He healed them.”*

Matthew 15:31 *“The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.”*

Mark 7:33 *“After He took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue.”*

I. Jesus had compassion for the crowd.

A. Jesus knew the crowd was hungry.

****Mark 8:1** *“During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said.”*

****Mark 8:2** *“I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat.”*

Exodus 34:6 *And He passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.”*

Psalms 103:8 *“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.”*

Lamentations 3:22 *“Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. ^[24] They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”*

B. Jesus was concerned about the weakness of the people.

****Mark 8:3** *“If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance.”*

II. Jesus heard the concerns of His disciples.

A. The Lord's disciples looked at their limitations.

****Mark 8:4** "His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?"

B. The Lord is not limited in what He can do!

****Mark 8:5** "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied."

Matthew 15:34 "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."

****Mark 8:6a** "He told the crowd to sit down on the ground when he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks,

****Mark 8:7** "They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them."

III. Jesus created food and satisfied the hungry.

A. The disciples gave the bread and fish to the people.

****Mark 8:6b** "... He broke them and gave them to His disciples to distribute to the people, and they did so."

John 1:3 "Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made."

Colossians 1:16 "For by Him all things were created; things in Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him."

****Mark 8:8a** "The people ate and were satisfied."

B. The disciples gathered the leftovers.

****Mark 8:8b** "... Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over."

****Mark 8:9** "About four thousand were present. After he had sent them away."

Matthew 15:38 "The number of those who ate was four thousand, besides women and children."

IV. Jesus clashed with the Pharisees.

****Mark 8:10** "He got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha."

****Mark 8:11** "The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven."

Matthew 16:2 "He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.'"

Matthew 16:3 "And in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times."

Matthew 16:4 "A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah." Jesus then left them and went away."

****Mark 8:12** "He sighed deeply and said, "Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it."

****Mark 8:13** "Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side."

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. God wants us to show compassion for people.

****Mark 8:6** "He told the crowd to sit down on the ground when he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, He broke them and gave them to His disciples to distribute to the people, and they did so."

I John 3:17 "If anyone has material possessions and sees His brother in need, but has no pity on Him, how can the love of God be in Him? ^[18] Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth."

B. God wants us to have confidence in Him as we face challenges.

I Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight."