

This Week's Text: Mark 6:30-56 – The Powerful Provider

Next Week's Text: Mark 6:53-7:30 – The Powerful Purifier

I. Direction to the Lost (6:30-38)

- Jesus Sees the Crowd's Need (34a)
- Jesus Directs the Crowd's Hearts (34b)
- Jesus Redirects the Disciples' Hearts (35-38)
 - He Confronts Their Indifference
 - He Confronts Their Selfishness
 - He Confronts Their Doubt
- Jesus is the Greater Joshua – Num 27:15-20

II. Satisfaction to the Hungry (6:39-44)

- Jesus Feeds with Incredible Inclusion (39)
- Jesus Feeds with Ordered Order (40)
- Jesus Feeds with Meager Means (41a)
- Jesus Feeds with Heavenly Hope (41b)
- Jesus Feeds with Sovereign Satisfaction (42)
- Jesus is the Greater Moses – Num 11:13-23

III. Strength to the Weak (6:45-52)

- Jesus Strengthens Through Providing Escape (45)
- Jesus Strengthens Through Prayer (46-48)
- Jesus Strengthens Through Plain Revelation (49-52)
 - More Plainly Than to Job – Job 9:8, 11
 - More Plainly Than to Moses – Exo 3-4, 34

Corporate Reading Guide:

This week in Mark 4-8 look for examples of “The Dora Effect” – times when the text is crying out the question “Who is Jesus?” and calling us to answer.

- An obvious example is in Mark 4:41, when the disciples say “Who then is this?”
- But a less obvious example would be in 7:6, when Jesus quotes God speaking in Isaiah saying “This people honors me with their lips” – yet applies the verse to Himself. Who would compare themselves to Yahweh?

Discussion Questions:

1. What impacted you or what did you learn from this week's corporate reading in Mark looking for “The Dora Effect”?
2. What impacted you or what did you learn from this week's sermon?
3. Do you have any questions that came to mind from this week's sermon or reading?
4. How does Jesus shepherding directing, and redirecting of our hearts give us hope when we feel lost?
5. Which aspect of Jesus satisfying the crowds most encouraged you? Which most challenged you as you strive to serve others?
6. Have you ever felt weak from straining at the oars of life – only to realize your weakness was a result of your doubt in God's provision?
7. How can Jesus plain revelation to us in His Word strengthen us as we face the storms of this life?