



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 6/26/2022
DISCUSSION DATE: 7/10/2022
TEXT: MARK 6:30-44

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1. He provides rest (vss. 30-32)
2. He provides truth (vs. 34)
3. He provides food (vs. 35-44)

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read Mark 6:7-13.** What did Jesus send the disciples out to do? How did He send them out? What did He enable them to do (see vss. 7 & 13)? What were they to bring and not to bring? Why do you think He limited them in that way? In verses 11-12, what did He prepare them to face? To what degree did Jesus' message multiply throughout Galilee as a result of their circuit of ministry?

2. The Feeding of the Five thousand is one of the most well know children’s Sunday School stories. To make things exciting for children, what might be the tendency for some teachers to emphasize to the children when telling it? When looking at any event in scripture what should we first and foremost focus on and who should we “see?” What are the main things that this miracle of Jesus reveals about Himself?

3. **Read Mark 6:30-32.** What was it that Jesus wanted to provide for the disciples? Why was that important?

4. **Read verses 33-34.** What did the multitude do when they saw Jesus and His disciples depart the area by boat? Although the crowd intruded on Jesus and the disciples’ rest, what was Jesus’ attitude and actions toward them when they were waiting in mass for Him on the other side? What does this tell us about Jesus? **Read John 6:2.** Why did the crowd go to the other side? What were they most interested in? **Read Mark 1:38.** What was Jesus’ mission?

5. In verse 34, it says Jesus saw the people as being like sheep without a shepherd. What kind of picture of Jesus does this present? What kind of picture of the multitude does it present?

6. **Read Mark 6:44.** How many were fed? **Read Matthew 14:21.** What does Matthew’s gospel add to the number? What, then, might be an estimate of the total size of the multitude?

7. **Read John 6:35.** Although the people wanted that which was physical, what was it that Jesus wanted to provide? What does verse 36 say about the people? **Read John 6:24-27.** Did the miracle lead to a spiritual awakening? **Read John 6:60-71.** Whose faith was strengthened? What did all but one of the disciples finally acknowledge about God?