

Alderwood Community Church
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Jesus Loves the Hungry
Unexpected: The Gospel of the Servant King
Mark 6:30-44
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Big Idea: Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of God's love for His people.

Sermon Questions:

1. What is a miracle? Do you believe in miracles? Why?
2. So far, in **Mark 6**, many have encountered Jesus – His family, the crowds, the disciples, Herod – but none really recognized who He was. How long did it take you to recognize who Jesus is? How were your eyes opened?
3. Read **Mark 6:30-44**. We're told in **v.34** that Jesus saw the crowd and had compassion on them. Define the word "compassion."

What was the need Jesus sought to meet?

4. Read **v.37**. What do you imagine the disciples thought when Jesus told them to feed the crowd?

Has the Lord ever put you in a position to do something for Him for which you felt completely inadequate? Explain. How did you deal with the situation?

5. Read **Mark 6:41**. Jesus delegated to the disciples the task of distributing the food rather than having the crowd line up. Why do you think He did it that way?

How would you have responded if you were one of the disciples, filling basket after basket to feed the crowd? Would you have wondered where the food came from?

Give an example of a time Jesus multiplied what you brought to Him.

6. How much food did Jesus start with? How much did each person eat? How much did the disciples collect at the end? What is the lesson here? What does this mean to you in your relationship with Jesus?

7. As a church we've been asking God for four things regarding the Alderwood Compassion Center:
 - Unity around our mission to spread the gospel
 - Awareness of the needs in our community.
 - Compassion to meet those needs.
 - Generosity to invest in the Compassion Center.

How does this passage help you as you continue to pray for the Alderwood Compassion Center?