

## Who Do You Say I Am? – Mark Scene 15 & 16

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Mark 6:32 - 56

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### **Reflection & Discussion Questions**

#### **Read and discuss Mark 6:34-44 (Nicolas Zola translation)**

*And when he got out he saw the great crowd and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.*

*And when the hour was already late, his students came to him and said, “This place is isolated and the hour is already late. Send them away, so that they can go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something to eat for themselves.” But answering, he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” And they say to him, “Should we go and buy two hundred days’ wages of bread and give it to them to eat?” So he says to them, “How many loaves of bread do you have? Go see.” And after learning, they say, “Five, and two fish.” And he commanded them all to recline in groups on the green grass. And they reclined in groups by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, looking up to the sky, he gave praise and broke the loaves and gave them to the students to set before them; and he divided the two fish among all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they picked up the broken pieces—filling twelve baskets! (And the rest of the fish.) And those who ate the bread numbered five thousand men.*

\*What does this passage show us about God? About people?

\*What is this passage saying to you? Is there something here to share with someone else?

#### **Jesus sees these people the way God has often seen his people when they have no leader, sheep that have no shepherd**

His heart is compassion and provision.

\*How has Jesus shepherded you? Where has he given perfect provision?

\*When do you experience resistance towards the idea of Jesus taking care of you?

\*What do you notice about your response to seeing him as your caretaker?

#### **Read and discuss Mark 6:45-52 (Nicolas Zola translation)**

*And immediately he compelled his students to get into the boat and go ahead to Bethsaida on the other side, while he sends the crowd away. And after parting with them, he withdrew to the hillside to pray. And when it grew late, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on the land. And seeing them struggling to make progress, for the wind was against them, he comes to them not long before dawn, walking on the sea. And he was intending to pass by them, but seeing him walking on the sea, they thought, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke with them, and he says to them, “Take heart! It is I. Do not be afraid.” And he got into the boat with them. And the wind stopped, and they were utterly astonished within themselves, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.*

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**Without open hearts, we can miss who Jesus is and who he wants to be in our life**

These two miracles unveiled who Jesus is.

\*Why would it be so hard for the disciples to understand Jesus given all they had seen and heard?

\*How do you see yourself in the disciples in these stories?

**To grasp who He is will require more than a little faith. It will take a complete change of heart**

Jesus gives space to those that follow him to allow them to keep figuring it out.

\*If you are comfortable sharing, what are you figuring out? Is there a particular place you 'do not understand' or have 'hardened your heart?'