

## Home Group Notes 5

### Mark 6:30-44 Feeding Five Thousand

#### Introduction

This account of massive crowds following Jesus to an isolated place is a follow-on from the expansion of the mission in vv7-13. The apostles came back after their two-by-two gospel missions to the villages and could not wait to tell Jesus what had been happening.

1. **Read vv.30-32.**

Why were the disciples now called apostles?

2. Did the apostles have much to tell Jesus?

3. Did Jesus want to hear about it all?

4. How were their plans for a feedback session thwarted?

5. **Read vv.33-34**

Is it any surprise that having visited many towns, they now attracted a larger crowd?

6. What did Jesus think they were looking for?

[ ] a picnic [ ] the buzz of being in a crowd

[ ] caring leadership [ ] peace and quiet

How did Jesus feel about them?

What did he give them?

Is it hard to know what people are looking for when they come first to church, or when they start getting interested in religious or Godly things?

7. **Read vv.35-38.**

Why were the disciples worried?

8. What was their solution to the problem?

9. What was Jesus' solution?

10. Have you ever realised Jesus pointing to you and saying that you and what he has already given to you are the solution to a problem?

11. **Read vv.39-44.**

How organised are Jesus and the disciples?

Is this necessary when there are large groups of people?

How did Jesus make it clear that this miracle was God's doing?

12. How does Mark make it clear that this was a big meal?

13. Has it struck you that Jesus wasn't just providing bread and meat because they were hungry? In v.34b it tells us Jesus was teaching them many things. What might he be teaching them by providing bread and meat in the wilderness rather miraculously? Is he not hoping they will see his resemblance to a leader who did just that a few centuries before? Clue: Deut.18v.15,18

14. How does Jesus fulfil this Old Testament promise?

15. Do you realise why Jesus makes big claims about himself?

#### **Prayer Points**

*Pray for those known by you to need a good shepherd*

*Pray that you may recognise the big claims of Jesus*

*Pray that you will help good organisation to welcome large crowds and serve the needy with compassion*