



Gospel Community Study Questions

Gospel of Mark | Costly Compassion

Key Passages: *Mark 8:1-21*

Big Idea: *Our distrust of Jesus is starving our souls.*

Read and Recap

Read Mark 8:1-21 and briefly recap the narrative.

Discuss

The feeding of the Four Thousand is almost an exact replica of Jesus' miracle in Mark 6:30-44. What similarities and differences do you observe between these two miracles and why do you think Jesus repeats this miracle twice?

Why do you think Jesus responds the way he does in v2? What does his response teach us about Jesus' mission and the way he engages with those who are "spiritually hungry"?

How does v8 teach us about how Jesus attends to our spiritual hunger and what applications can we draw from this in how we relate to Jesus and his work in our lives?

In verses 11-21 Jesus is exposing the unbelief of the disciples. How do you think this passage relates to the miracle of Jesus feeding the crowd and what conclusions do you think Jesus is leading us draw in how we should engage with him?

The key issue at play in this whole passage is the necessity of faith in Jesus. What does faith mean and how can we know if we truly have faith in Jesus?

Close & Pray

Take some time to pray for each other that we would grow in our trust of Jesus and that would joyfully surrender every area of our lives to him.

Coming Up

Next week we'll be seeing how the disciples eventually come to see Jesus for who he really is in Mark 8:22-31.