

You Give Them Something to Eat Mark 6:31-44

Jesus has compassion for people. Mark 6:31-34

Mark 6:34 – *“...and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd...”*

We should come to Jesus with questions before suggestions. Mark 6:35-36

Mark 6:35-36 – *“...His disciples came to Him and said, ‘This place is desolate and it is already quite late; send them away so that they may go... buy themselves something to eat.’”*

We can’t outsource servanthood to God or others. Mark 6:37

Mark 6:37a – *“But He answered them, ‘You give them something to eat!’”*

What do you have to offer? Mark 6:38

Mark 6:38 – *“And He said to them, ‘How many loaves do you have? Go look!’”*

Jesus satisfies our ultimate needs. Mark 6:39-44

Mark 6:42 – *“They all ate and were satisfied.”*

Response: Fill out the card entitled “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus commanded them to “Go look” and see what they already had to contribute. What do you have that can be available for God to use when needed?

Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Discuss how you have come to Jesus with suggestions rather than questions or requests. We see the disciples do that in Mark 6:35-36 and Jesus turns it back on them. How should our posture shift in how we approach God with things?
2. Do you ever think “What is the church going to do about _____?” Remember that *you* are the church. Is this a tendency that you fall into easily?
3. Jesus asked the disciples, “How many loaves do you have?” Talk about how you can combine forces as a LifeGroup to help others with significant needs. What resources do you have together and how can you use them for furthering God’s kingdom?

Next Steps:

JOIN US FOR VBS! At Shipwrecked VBS (Vacation Bible School), from July 23 – 27 at 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life’s storms.

- **Register for VBS:** Calvary's VBS is open to kids entering grades 1 through 6 (in the fall of 2017). And best of all, it's all FREE! Register your kids - and invite other families to do so too – at calvarylife.org/vbs
- **Volunteer at VBS:** It's rare to be able to offer such a great VBS for free. One distinction with Calvary Church's VBS is that it has always been free and always will be, but that is only because of generous people like you. Register to volunteer at calvarylife.org/vbs
- **Donate to VBS:** Can't be a VBS volunteer but still want to help? You can help by donating supplies. With a new, fun craft and snack every day of VBS, we'll need lots of help in this area. Visit the VBS Donation Station in the lobby to pick up a tag, then just purchase that item and bring it back to Calvary. Or we can always use gift cards to Smart & Final, Costco, and Target too. Learn more at calvarylife.org/vbs

JOIN A LIFEGROUP: LifeGroups are ongoing small group communities that gather together throughout the week to CONNECT in a smaller setting, GROW together in our faith, and REACH out together to our community. To get involved or for more information, contact Connections + LifeGroups Pastor, Robert Carter, at rcarter@calvarylife.org, or indicate “LifeGroups” on The Card (located in the chair rack in the seat in front of you). calvarylife.org/lifegroups