



Gospel of Mark, Week 6 – Week of Sunday, February 19, 2012

Questions for Life Groups and Personal Reflection:

Opening Question: After a particularly busy and/or intense week, how do you like to unwind and be refreshed?

Read Mark 6:30-44

What specific activities does verse 30 allude to?

Why had Jesus decided to take the disciples/apostles away? (31)

What do you think the disciples were anticipating the next few hours or few days would be like? (32)

What happened instead? How do you think the disciples felt? How would you have felt? (33)

Verse 34 says that Jesus had compassion on the crowd because they were “like sheep without a shepherd.” What are shepherd-less sheep like?

Can you think of other Biblical references to a shepherd? How might these other references help us understand what Jesus is saying?

How does Jesus show the crowd compassion?

What seems to be the purpose of the miraculous feeding? Why do you say that?

If God can multiply food, what is the reason for collecting up the leftovers?

Personal Reflection:

Jesus described the crowd that day as “sheep without a shepherd.” How might Jesus describe the people of our communities and our city?

The disciples recognized that the people needed food in verses 35-36. What overt needs do you recognize in your sphere of influence, community or in our city?

In light of what has been said in response to the previous two questions, how would you answer the question, “what do you have that could help? Take a look.” Answer this question as if it was asked of you personally and then answer it as if it was asked of your group and/or our church.

What ‘next step’ do you think God would want you/us to take as a result of this discussion today?