

Small Group Sermon Questions for the week of 7/5/26

Mark 6:30-44

- 1) Why do you think Mark places the feeding of the 5,000 immediately after Herod's banquet and the subsequent death of John the Baptist? What are the stark contrasts between Herod's banquet and Jesus feeding the people?

- 2) In this passage the crowds are an interruption, delaying a time of rest for Jesus and the disciples. What does Jesus' response tell us about his character and love for all people?

- 3) Why is it significant that after having compassion on the people Jesus taught them?

- 4) What do you think was behind what Jesus said in verse 37 when he told his disciples, "You give them something to eat."?

- 5) There is a combination of unbelief and obedience in this passage. The disciples didn't believe everyone could be fed, but they obeyed when Jesus told them to collect the food. The boy gave what he had, and the people obeyed by sitting in groups as they were instructed. What would have happened if anyone in this story acted in disobedience?

6) This happened before Passover. What is the significance of the timing and what was Jesus demonstrating?

7) At the beginning of the story there are 12 hungry disciples who couldn't rest, and at the end there is a basket full of fish and bread for each of them. What does this say about the way Jesus cares for us?