

## Jesus DIY Week 1

The amazing thing about being a follower of Jesus is the amount resources that we have to participate with Him in His purposes for the world. Jesus doesn't tell us to go without the giving us the tools and we will have a look at how He resources us over the coming weeks.

Let's look at the passage we read earlier. Mark 6:30-44

### 1. What is the crowd's perspective?

**Mar 6:30** The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught.

Mar 6:31 He told them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest for a while," because so many people were coming and going that they didn't even have time to eat.

Mar 6:32 So they went away in a boat to a deserted place by themselves.

Mar 6:33 But when many people saw them leave and recognized them, they hurried on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

V33 – recognised Jesus.

Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

I love this image. The recognised them ( that is Jesus and the Disciples got recognised) so they ran around the lake to get there first. They really want to hear Jesus talk. They thought he had something to offer them.

2. How did the disciples see the crowd?

V35-36 – inconvenience. Listen to this.

35. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late.

36. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

Here is a reality check. The disciples saw the people as an inconvenience. They thought having a break was more important. The other thing that concerns me here is they are telling Jesus what to do.

It's kind of like: “these people are hampering up and want stuff, you send them away.

Ok what's our motive for stuff? Where do we draw the line? How do you work out when to say no? Good question.

3. How does Jesus see the crowd? V34-compassion

34. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

I suppose we go by the guide. Do we have compassion on them? If so we do the ministry. What, if we don't feel anything we do nothing? Well, if you don't feel anything you won't anyway. But if you feel something, even guilt maybe you should do something.

Here is a flip side. You do it, or you organise it done.

4. How does Jesus respond? V 37-43 Goes against the norm – miracle

37. But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 38. And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." 39. Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. 42. And they all ate and were satisfied. 43. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.

Jesus creates service. Jesus creates support and care.

Jesus creates resources.

We are called to do the same.

When a need is there, create the resources to be used.

Are we to do miracles? Yes. We facilitate the care. It may not be miraculous like Jesus multiplying fish and bread but it may be providing fish and bread. Or whatever is needed by the people we have compassion on. Create resources for them to be served.

## 5. What do we see when we look at the crowd in our community?

I think the thing here is to work out how we follow the Jesus example. How do we look at this passage and work out how it impacts us here today?

What I do you think? Are we to be like the disciples and treat the community around us like an inconvenience? Well, logically no. Then the only other option is to look at how Jesus responded and imitate that.

Jesus had compassion.

Jesus reacted to that compassion by resourcing the people.

Jesus allowed for leftovers. A further resourcing.

**Mar 6:43** Then the disciples picked up twelve baskets full of leftover bread and fish.

Ok,

We need to be compassionate.

We need to respond to that compassion by resourcing people.

We need to allow left over resources to be recycled.

To be compassionate, we need to be where people are  
To respond we need to utilise the resources we have to resource them

To allow for on going (recycled) ministry we need to stay connected to people in community.