

Series: Meals with Jesus

Title: Feeding 5,000

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Read Mark 6:30-44.

1. How do you balance the genuine needs of people when you need your own time out?
2. Jesus told his men they needed a break and made plans for that to happen. What kind of soul care have you learned to practice? What's the difference between R&R and soul-care? How are they similar? Do you believe Jesus wants his followers to rest or to just soldier on?
3. If you were one of the disciples, how would you respond to the assignment to feed thousands? Check one or more.
 laugh
 shake your head in disbelief
 tell Peter it's his job since he's the spokesperson
 other?
4. Why does Jesus give them this task, knowing it's impossible?
5. That raises another question. Why didn't the Lord simply feed everyone every day or heal whole cities with a single word? Wouldn't that have been the quickest way to get everyone to know and follow him? Look at the context here in Mark 6:7 before the meal and then Mark 6:45-52, especially verse 52. Who was he trying to impress most here, the crowds or his followers?
6. Why did he involve the boy, let him help?
7. If you had been the boy with the lunch, how would you have responded when someone asks for your lunch?
8. Why does Jesus ask for all we have, in every area of our lives?
9. How could the idea that God has a Master plan behind impossible assignments, impact your willingness to show compassion, and give what we have to offer?
10. The song he learned as a kid, 'Just a little bit can be more than enough', still influences Bryon. How has music built your faith?