

Use What You Have

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Mark 6:33-44

I. Use What You Have:

³⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

1. When Jesus sees the crowd, he is moved with compassion.

³⁵By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

2. When the disciples see the crowd, they are filled with fatigue.

^{37a}But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! ^{38a}"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

3. Jesus asks us to look again at what we do have.

⁴¹Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²They all ate and were satisfied.

4. When we give what we do have to Jesus, remarkable results occur.

II. Why Did Jesus Do This?

1. When we do good, we bless others.

2. When we do good, it changes us.