

Sixth Day: Read Mark 6:53–56

1. Re-read verse 45 and verse 53. Where was the boat headed originally and where did it land?
2. When circumstances re-direct your life from where you thought you were heading, do you focus exclusively on recovering your lost goal, or do you look around at the unexpected place God has put you and find ways to serve others there?
3. Re-read verse 48. Considering that the fourth watch of the night is between 3:00 AM and 6:00 AM do you think that Jesus and the disciples were entering into this new day of ministry rested?
4. When you face many needs around you, what is your spiritual focus? Your own spiritual and physical needs or the spiritual and physical needs of others?

**First Day: Review your notes from Mark 6:1–29**

1. What stood out to you from the sermon that you found helpful?
2. What from Sunday school helped you understand the passage better?

Second Day: Read Mark 6:30–34

1. Read Mark 3:14–15, 6: 7–13, 6; 30–31, Mark 6: 7–13. Summarize the three fold approach Jesus is using to train the 12 apostles?
2. Reflecting on this three-fold approach, can you describe how Jesus is or could be using it in your life if you let him?
3. What legitimate need led Jesus to take the disciples away in a boat? What choice did Jesus and the disciple make when they realized that this need was not going to be met in the desolate place?
4. In what way is Jesus asking you to die to your own personal needs like rest and to have compassion on someone else?
5. How can you mirror Jesus' compassion when you face inconveniences, changes, and interruptions to your own needs and schedule?

Third Day: Read Mark 6:30–44

1. What word picture did Jesus use to describe the crowd?
2. The sheep had two needs, a spiritual need and a physical need. How did Jesus meet both?
3. What do the following passages tell you about God's role as shepherd to his people and his people's role as sheep?
 - a. Numbers 27: 16–17 _____
 - b. Ezekiel 34:10–16 _____
 - c. Gen. 48:15 _____
 - d. Psalm 23:1–4 _____
 - e. Isaiah: 40:11 _____
 - f. Jeremiah 23:4 _____
 - g. John 10:14 _____

Fourth Day: Read Mark 6:30–44

1. Considering the fact that 200 denarii represent 200 days wages for a laborer, how would you describe the disciples response to Jesus?
2. The crowd had a legitimate hunger problem. Compare the disciples' solution in verse 35 and 36 with Jesus' solution in verse 37–39. Which seems like a more realistic solution to you?
3. In what small way is Jesus asking you to obey him as you face problems that are much too big for you to solve on your own? In what ways that don't seem reasonable is Jesus asking you to obey Him?

4. What example does Jesus set for us in verse 41? Who is Jesus dependent upon? What does the working of this miracle tell you about the full identity of Jesus?
5. Who do you see around you who needs spiritual food from Jesus? Will you take part in bringing it to them and trusting God to multiply it in their lives?
6. What seemingly small thing can you offer to Jesus to use today that He may use to help others?

Fifth Day: Read Mark 6:45–52

1. Why did Jesus dismiss the crowd and send his disciples away in the boat?
2. Approximately how many minutes a day do you spend in prayer . . .
When your life is calm? ____
When your life is busy and you are tired? ____
When your life is scary and stormy? ____
How many minutes did you spend today? ____
3. Read verse 45. Were the disciples in the will of God while the storm raged about them?
4. Whom or what do you seek when difficult circumstances come into your life?
5. Read Mark 4:40–41. What prevented the disciples' faith? Read verses 51–52, In this second calming of the storm what additionally is hampering the disciples' faith?
6. Is your fear and hard-heart keeping you from recognizing God's action and power in your life?

