

Section One – Blessed – The Blessing We Extend – Mark 6:30-44

I. The Nature of the Problem

A. Fill in the Blank

1. The disciples told Jesus the people had nothing to _____. (v 36)
2. Jesus told the disciples they were to _____ the people. (v 37)
3. The disciples did not have _____ to meet the people's needs. (v 37)
4. Jesus asked them what did they _____. (v 38)

B. True or False

Blessing is God's benevolence intersecting Man's needs.

C. True or False

Blessing is God's multiplying abundance intersecting with Man's trusting generosity.

D. Read Numbers 27:16-17. What is the connection between Jesus and Joshua?

E. Why did Jesus have compassion for the people?

II. God's Solution

A. When we see a problem, Jesus asks us what do we _____?

B. Even though what we have is woefully _____, we need to _____ of what we have by _____.

C. Jesus _____ our offering, _____ it, then _____ it.

D. Read 1 Kings 17:10-14. How does this passage illustrate how God blesses.

E. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. What does this passage say about how God blesses.

F. Read Matthew 26:26. What does this verse say about how God blesses.

III. Community Thinking

A. For Small Groups: What do you have to give?

B. For Individuals: What do you got?

Section Two – Going Deeper

Apologetics: Handling apparent contradictions

According to Luke 9:10, the event of the feeding of the five thousand took place in Bethsaida. However, according to Mark 6:45, following the feeding of the five thousand miracle, Mark tells us, “Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.” This presents an apparent contradiction. If Jesus and the disciples were already in Bethsaida, why does he tell his disciples to get into the boat and go to the other side of the lake, to Bethsaida? Is Mark confused about the location of the feeding of the five thousand?

Doctrine:

Describe how God ordains both the “ends” and the “means” of accomplishing His Church? i.e., the Elect and their function.

Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter XXV – Part III.

Unto this catholic (universal) visible Church Christ hath given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints, in this life, to the end of the world: and doth by his own presence and Spirit, according to his promise, make them effectual there unto. (Is 59:21; Mt 28:19-20; 1Cor 12:28; Ep 4:11-13)