

Mark 9:1-10 (ESV)

8 In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, ² “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³ And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” ⁴ And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” ⁵ And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” ⁶ And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. ⁷ And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁸ And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹ And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. ¹⁰ And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

1. Have you ever had to make something stretch when you didn't have enough? What did you do?
2. In Mark 6, we saw the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. Compare Mark 6:30-44 with this week's passage. What are the similarities and differences?
3. In verses 1-3, Jesus notices the crowd has nothing to eat and feels compassion for them. What does this teach us about the things Jesus notices and cares about in our lives? What does it teach us about our own approach to others?

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4. Given that the disciples had already witnessed Jesus feed 5,000 people earlier, why do you think they struggled to understand how He could feed this crowd? How do we fall into the same pattern?

5. How does this miracle teach us that something inadequate in the hands of Jesus is more than enough?

6. How is the “bread” that Jesus provides for us, as the bread of life, similar to but so much greater than the loaves He provided for the 4000?

7. Where might Jesus be calling you to show compassion, trust his provision, or serve someone this week, even if you feel you have little to offer?