

Immerse week 5
Title: Immerse: Mark
Scripture Reading: **Mark 6:30-44**
Discussion Questions

1. We are now in the fifth week of our whole church New Testament Bible Reading Plan called Immerse. If you haven't started yet, it's not too late to join, grab a bookmark from the church Foyer and start reading along. If you have been reading this week what is one thing that stood out to you as you read? What was it like to read such a large chunk of scripture in one week?
2. This week we read the Gospel of Mark, 1 & 2 Peter, and Jude. To narrow down our focus for today's sermon we are going to be looking at Mark 6:30-44, commonly called "*The Feeding of the 5,000.*" Read it for yourself, what stands out to you as you read?
3. Seeking a quiet place, Jesus and His disciples set sail. Upon coming to the opposite shore, they find themselves surrounded by a large crowd, not exactly the quiet place they were looking for. Instead of frustration, Jesus had "compassion on them," and began to teach them many things. A mentor of mine once told me that ministry happens in the interruptions. Put yourself in the shoes of the disciples, would you find it easy to have compassion for this crowd? Or would you find yourself frustrated? How adaptable are you when things don't go as planned?
4. As the day went on the people became hungry. The gospel of John, chapter 6, gives one more detail. When Jesus asked for food, there was a small boy who offered up his lunch. Jesus took his bread and the fish and used it to feed everyone! When Jesus asked for food, I can just imagine others holding tight to whatever little food they had, but the boy freely gave everything to Jesus. He didn't know Jesus was about to feed everyone, he was giving away what he had to Jesus. Jesus took his offering and used it to bless everyone. When we have something, it can be tempting to hold it tight, what lesson can we learn from the generosity of the young boy and the blessing of abundance from Jesus?