



## Can Anything Get in the Way of Jesus's Compassion?

October 8, 2023 | Mark 6:30-44

### Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*\*\*Before discussing these questions, read through Mark 6:30-44 as a group.*

1. In your own words, describe what the word "compassion" means.
2. Share a time when you were shown compassion by someone else. How did it make you feel?
3. Re-read Mark 6:34 out loud. What motivates Jesus's compassion here?
4. Read or scan the passages listed below that provide context to very recent events in Jesus's life, then answer the questions that follow:
  - Mark 6:1-6a
  - Mark 6:6b-13, 30-32
  - Matthew 14:1-14 (this is a parallel account to Mark 6:14-29)
  - Imagine these events had happened to you. What words would communicate your feelings at this point?
  - How does seeing this context of recent events in Jesus's life provide more meaning to His display of compassion?
5. What stands out to you about how Jesus demonstrates His compassion in this passage?
6. As the Son of God, Jesus could have said a word to speak more food into existence. How does His invitation to involve the participation of others (read John 6:5-9, a parallel account to Mark 6) show that Jesus desires our participation in showing compassion to others?
7. Is there an area in your life where you need to receive Jesus's compassion?
8. How can you participate in Jesus's compassionate work, demonstrating service and compassion yourself?
9. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? Why?
10. **Close your time in prayer for Brookside's Compelled to Care initiative** — that we would be a tangible expression of Jesus's compassion, and that our demonstration of compassion would open up conversations to share more about Jesus and the eternal hope He offers.