

### ***The Call of Duty – week 4 – The Desperate Need for Evangelism***

**ARRIVAL / CONNECTING and SNACK:** (15 minutes) Spend time catching up and socializing with one another. Follow up on prayer requests and any action steps from your last time together.

**SHORT OPENING PRAYER FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER:** (2 minutes)

**SCRIPTURE and DISCUSSION:** (50-60 minutes) [*Note from pastor: Leaders, I suggest you add 10 minutes to your group discussion time this week. I believe you will get more out of it.*]

Open your Bibles and read **Matthew 14:13-21 together**. Reflect quietly for a moment, then discuss the questions.

#### **A desperate need of compassion**

- Jesus' response to the broken world he stepped into was compassion. What are some areas of your world that you see brokenness? How can you begin to show compassion in those situations?
- What are some of the feelings or emotions you sometimes get when you see the brokenness of the world around you? What are some of the reasons you might feel that way?

#### **A desperate need of hope**

- Think about the life of Christ or examples from the early church, in which culture was better off due to a Christian presence, then share those examples with the group.
- Now think of men and women in your life that you have seen live as agents of hope and lights in the darkness, then share those examples with the group.
- How might God send you into the world as a light and source of hope? What are practical ways you can bring hope to the people in your world who desperately need it?

#### **A desperate need for purpose and mission**

- Can you think of a situation where you stepped out in obedience to God and he provided graciously for whatever needs accompanied the task? If so, share with the group.
- What was it like to understand the implications of obedience and the cost of taking action, and stepping out in obedience anyway? Would you say that it was a faith building experience? If so, how?

**SURRENDER:** (15 minutes)

- Are there areas of your life you have lacked compassion? How can you change your perspective and begin to show compassion this week?
- What is one relationship that you can step into this week and bring hope in a practical way?
- What is one audacious thing you could attempt this week for the kingdom? How can you live this week with purpose and mission in the context God has placed you?

**PRAYER:** (10 min) Pray for one another in light of what has been shared.