

Going Further
For the week of August 13, 2023
Questions and Scriptures for further study

1. Read Mark 6:6-13. What instructions does Jesus give to the Twelve? What are they sent to do? How does God work through them? Imagine that you are one of the Twelve. What would it have been like to have been sent out like this and to have God work through you like this?

2. Read Mark 6:14-29. Mark now tells us about the death of John the Baptist. From these verses, what kind of man was John the Baptist? Herod? Why do you think Mark tells us about this here? What kind of impact do you think this news would have had on Jesus?

3. Read Mark 6:30-44. How is Jesus' attitude and approach to the crowd different from His disciples? What circumstances in your life can cause you to lack compassion and care for others?

4. Read Mark 6:45-52. How would you have responded if you had seen walking on the water like the disciples? What had the disciples misunderstood about the loaves? What was Jesus wanting them to learn from these experiences?

5. One of the things we see in these verses is how life can bring circumstances that result in overactivity and burnout. What things can bring this into your life? How can you counteract the effects of these things so our hearts are not hardened?

Family Dev: Read Mark 6:30-44, the story of Jesus feeding the 5000. In this story, we see the disciples struggling to care for the people around them as Jesus does. Talk about the things that can cause each of you in your family to not care for and love each other as Jesus wants you to. What steps can you take to counteract those things?