

## The God who Provides

### Discussion Questions for Mark 6:30-44

#### **Open It**

What was a time when you had to do something that you thought was impossible? What happened?

What is your idea of a feast?

#### **Explore It**

What did the apostles do upon returning from their trip? (6:30)

Why did Jesus want to go away with the disciples to a quiet place? (6:31–32)

What prevented Jesus and His disciples from getting some rest and relaxation? (6:33)

How did Jesus respond to the crowds of people waiting to see Him? (6:34)

What does Jesus' reaction to the crowds tell you about His character and mission? (6:34)

What problem did the disciples notice? (6:35–36)

What problem did the disciples bring to Jesus? Why? (6:35–36)

What solution did the disciples suggest to the problem they faced? (6:36)

What did Jesus think of the disciples' suggestion? (6:37)

What did the disciples think of Jesus' solution? (6:37)

What does the disciples' reaction to Jesus tell us about them? (6:37)

What unique plan did Jesus come up with? (6:38–41)

How much food did Jesus provide? (6:42–44)

What did Jesus' disciples do with the leftovers? (6:43)

How many people did this event directly affect? (6:44)

#### **Get It**

What do you think Jesus wanted to teach His disciples through this miracle?

What do you think Jesus' disciples learned through this experience?

Why do you think Jesus provided much more than enough food for the people, then had the surplus carefully collected?

Why do you think God tells us to do things that seem to be impossible?

What do you think Jesus wants to teach you through this miracle?

When have you felt it necessary to take some time to be alone with the Lord?

When is it good to take time out to rest? Why?

What can we learn and apply to our own lives from Jesus' attitude toward helping people?

How can we expand our expectations of what God can do through us?

What is one "impossible situation" that you are now facing?

In what way can we show faith in God in the "impossible situations" of our everyday lives?

For what person in your life do you need to have compassion?

How do you think you should react when God tells you to do something that you are sure is beyond your ability?

What does this story teach us about being caretakers of what God has given us?

What is one possession or ability that you need to give to the Lord so that He can use it for His glory?

In what area of your life do you need to have more faith in God?

### **Apply It**

In what specific way can you show compassion to another person this next week?

How can you show your willingness to give what you have back to God?

What can you do this week to increase your confidence in God?