



These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **Discussion Questions**

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**Mark 6:30-44**

1. This passage of scripture opens with Jesus telling the disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." What does it look like to rest in Christ? What keeps you from regularly experiencing the rest offered in Christ?
2. Jesus called his disciples out to a desolate place. Other definitions of this word include *desert* or *lonely*. What kinds of hard places has God met you in? How did God use the desolate places of your life to change you and teach you?
3. Read Matthew 4:1-4. When Jesus was alone in the wilderness, what was his sustenance? How did the Word of God sustain the travelers in Mark 6:30-44? How does the word of God sustain us today?
4. Mark says that Jesus looked upon the people with compassion because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Read Psalm 23 and discuss how Jesus is our good shepherd.
5. According to Matthew, part of the reason Jesus got away was to mourn the death of John the Baptist. Yet, people still followed Jesus and he still ministered to them. Jesus put the needs of others ahead of his own. How do you balance your own need to be ministered to by Jesus with the responsibility to care for others in the name of Jesus?
6. Jesus offered life to over five thousand people by feeding them bread and fish. The task of evangelism belongs to all, but not everyone is eager to hear the gospel. How can you share the gospel in compelling ways?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Matthew 4:4. Discuss how Jesus used the Word of God in spiritual warfare.