

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 6:53-56

1. The disciples had just experienced Jesus walking on the water and now they were busy doing ministry again. God often gives us “mountaintop” religious experiences—times of great spiritual growth and intimacy—so that he can equip us for the next phases of ministry in our lives. How has God used special spiritual experiences in your past prepare you for life and ministry opportunities?
2. Read Mark 6:53. What did the disciples do first when they arrived at Gennesaret? Were the disciples excused from “real life” responsibilities because of their special relationship with Jesus? How does your relationship with Christ enable you to do ministry in your “real life?”
3. Mark tells us that people didn’t just meet Jesus in Gennesert, but that they went and found other people who needed to meet Jesus and brought them to him. Who do you know that needs Jesus today? How can you invite them to know Christ?
4. Read Romans 12:14, Galatians 6:2, Ephesians 4:2, and 1 Peter 3:8. What do these verses tell us about caring for the hurting among us? How should we apply these verses today?
5. Read Mark 7:24-30. What led to the salvation of the little girl mentioned in these verses? How do these verses encourage you to seek the Lord on behalf of loved ones who do not know Jesus?
6. Passages like Mark 6:53-56 sometimes lead people to look for magic ways to bring about healing. But the Bible is clear that salvation (and healing) are found in only one way. Read Hebrews 11:6. Why is faith pleasing to God and how can you grow in faith?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Luke 19:10. If Jesus came to seek and save the lost, what is our responsibility as God’s children?