

## Introduction

- Recap
  - [WWJD - WDJD...](#)
  - Jesus sent out the disciples to preach, heal and drive out demons
  - he sends us out too to demonstrate, make real the kingdom
- What we have is what happened when the disciples got back!
  - before we get to the main action, first note how Jesus sought to take time with his disciples following a time of ministry and service
  - we need that rest, restoration, reflection, and most of all bringing what we have done to God and remembering that it is his work not ours - perspective

## Jesus had compassion

- Attitude, even though tired, even though disciples needed time...
  - saw them, and their needs, not self and own needs
  - what do we see the caller ID comes up on our phone someone we know will be draining to have a conversation with?
  - *"he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd"* (Mark 6:34)
- They didn't deserve this treatment... they were following him, invading his time and space, bugging him...

## Jesus pointed to his own identity

- Manna connection
  - greater than Moses
  - kingdom where everyone provided for
  - all twelve tribes (baskets) provided for
- Some see the 50s as an army...
  - pointing to his kingship...
- And simply God's power!
- All beg the question: who is this?
  - indeed, as we'll see next week, that's where Jesus takes the disciples next, asking them the question *"who do you say that I am...?"* (v.20)
- How do we point people to who Jesus is?
  - talk about what he has done
  - actually pray for God to demonstrate his reality for people - perhaps in healing, or in difficult circumstances offering to pray and asking that God would reveal himself - looking for the opportunities to make connections between circumstances and God's hand at work...

## Jesus provided for those in need

- A foretaste of the heavenly banquet!
  - out of compassion came provision
  - do we feed the hungry?
  - Titus tonight includes hospitality... do we open our homes, coffee, tea, food, welcome?
  - do we give as we are able?
- Instruction to disciples to provide - we are to do what Jesus does, adopt the same attitude he has...

## Jesus trusted his Father to provide

- He had the confidence to ask and to act, not bottle it or ducking out in case God didn't come up trumps!
  - to pray, but also to get the crowd down and make to feed them!

## Application

- What is the contemporary application of this passage?
- Do we have compassion?
- Do we point to Jesus?
- Do we provide?
- Do we trust God to provide?
  
- What did Jesus do?
- *what will we do?*