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# Mark 6:30-44 Jesus' Power to Provide

Campaigners Help Sheet

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30The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. 31Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." 32So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. 33But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. 35By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. 36Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" 38"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish." 39Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. 40So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. 41Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. 42They all ate and were satisfied, 43and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. 44The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

#### Intro questions:

- What is the biggest group of people you have ever had dinner with?
- Have you ever been really hungry but not wanting to leave what you are doing?
   What happened? (example: planning video games, at a concert)
- How have you seen God provide for people in your life?
- What are ways you have seen people trust God with what sounded like a crazy thing?

#### Read Mark 6:30-44

#### Questions about the scripture

 When Jesus' disciples start off, they begin to tell Jesus "all that they had done and



taught." What are they talking about here? (see Mark 6:7-13 as Jesus sends out this disciples)

- Jesus finds time to get away and rest. Can you remember any other times that Jesus does this?
- He seems to get away right before big/ important things happen. How can we apply this to our lives?
- Do you think that there were people in the crowd who missed the miracle? It happened right in front of them. Do you think we ever miss what God is doing before our eves?
- Jesus uses other people to perform miracles. He says, "YOU give them something to eat." Do you think God has used you in a miracle? When?

### **Questions for application**

- What was the most memorable thing we discussed today?
- Describe a time when you felt "satisfied" when God did something in your life?
- How is God providing for you in your life?
- What is one need you would like God to provide?



#### CAMBAICNED TIP

Have kids make a list of their friends and classmates who don't know Christ. Spend time each week at campaigners praying for those kids by name.