

Sermon Based Discussion
Matthew 14:13_21
'The Satisfaction of Trust'
3/10/24

The weekly qualifier:

These questions are not meant to be answered exhaustively. The aim is to foster further discussion on God's Word which is rich, full, and inexhaustible. If you only get through one question, yet the conversation is robust and warming to your soul, well done!

1. In this passage we see Jesus having compassion on the crowds as he came ashore. Speculate with your group what kinds of people were there. Is anyone beyond the compassion of Christ? Why or why not? Why do you think Matthew has repeatedly mentioned the compassion of Christ? Why do we and others need to know this about Him?
2. Jesus turning five loaves and two fish into a feast for 15,000 people is quite a miracle! What do you say to people who question the supernatural events we read here? Why do you suppose Jesus and His disciples don't prove or apologize for miracles that happen in the midst of them?
3. Why would Jesus put it on the disciples to feed the vast crowd? How does John 6:6 shape how we understand the feeding of the crowd and even the difficult things Jesus calls us to in our life?
4. During the sermon we pointed out the progression of the disciple's response. Hopelessness, frantic toil, and ultimately humble trust. When God calls you into a situation that is beyond your ability and capacity, how do you tend to respond?
5. In Matthew's account, it is Jesus who prays, breaks the bread and multiplies the meal to serve the crowd. What kind of freedom is there in following the disciples' example of merely dispensing to people what God has already provided in Christ? Why do we often feel that we need to be a savior of sorts in people's lives, including our own?
6. In light of the previous week's passage highlighting the flawed kingship of Herod, what aspects of King Jesus stand out as encouraging and uplifting to your heart? Why do you think God would have Matthew record the differences of these two kings right next to each other?
7. Share with your group, one humble and meager offering you are bringing to the Lord in prayer and pray together He would provide in rich ways.