

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. Who are you? When you're at home, tired, hungry, exhausted, are you different from who you are during the day?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Aside from the resurrection, the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels. Obviously, the Gospel writers considered this a significant miracle. When Christ fed the masses that day, He began with only "five barley loaves and two fish," borrowed from a boy's lunch (John 6:9). Many Bible scholars believe the actual number fed that day could have been 15,000—20,000 people. We're going to be looking at the GOSPEL OF MARK and his account of this famous story...Read Mark 6:30-44.
  - a. What is the backstory behind this incredible miracle?
  - b. Describe the situation before the miracle.
  - c. What was the condition of the apostles and Jesus?
  - d. What were they trying to do?
  - e. What happened?
  - f. According to Mark 6:34, how did Jesus feel about the large crowd?
  - g. What does the word "compassion" mean to you? Look up the definition.
3. Pastor Ruben said, some people need to say this prayer, "God change me at the deepest places of my spiritual digestive tract, so that what comes out of me won't smell." Did you say that prayer?
4. This word, "compassion" was used several times to describe the love of God. Compassion was and is, inside of Jesus. Please read the following passages and find the word "compassion". Does this change your perspective of these miracles?
  - a. Mt 9:3-36: Mt 20:29-34
  - b. Mk 1:40-41
  - c. Lk 7:12-15

- d. Lk 15:20
5. According to Mark 6:36, what was inside the apostles?
  - a. Jesus had compassion...what did the disciples have?
  - b. What did Jesus say in Mk 6:37?
  - c. Has God ever asked you to do the impossible?
6. What did Jesus do in Mk 6:41?
  - a. What does "giving thanks" mean to you?
  - b. Please read Lk 17:11-19. What happened?
  - c. Why did nine not give thanks?
  - d. Can we be guilty of the same thing?
7. Read Ephesians 5:15-20.
  - a. What does this passage mean to you?
  - b. Compare with 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

**Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- An attitude of Thanksgiving comes from the INSIDE.
- If you have compassion, you won't let a problem stop you. But, if you don't have compassion, you use the problem as an excuse.
- God wants you to wrap your mind around your lack of resources, so you can fully recognize the size of the miracle.