

The Greatest Picnic Ever!

Mark 6:30-44

Mark 6:30-33 The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>

And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

<sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

Mark 6:34-37a When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

<sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.”

Mark 6:37b - And they said to him,  
“Shall we go and buy two hundred  
denarii worth of bread and give it to  
them to eat?”

Mark 6:38-40 And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.”<sup>39</sup> Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass.<sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.

Mark 6:41-44 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

1. People are hungry for God. Not just to hear about Him, but to see Him move in their lives.

2. Jesus was concerned about the whole man, not just his soul.

3. But how can we meet that need if we don't have the apparent resources?

Answer : God used what we have to  
meet the needs of others.

Philippians 4:19

4. We need to stop trying to solve spiritual problems through earthly means.

5. If we aren't alert and extremely careful, what God does, even the miraculous, can completely escape us.

6. The Big Take Away - Think Big!  
Don't send them away! Make their  
problem, your problem.

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