

Reflection Questions: How do I show compassion to those in need? Do I have a compassion for those who are lost or do I despise them? Why or why not? Do I truly believe the gospel is the answer this world needs? Who did I last tell about Jesus? Am I going through some situation I've been in before? Why do you think that is?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

The people came to Christ famished. They were so hungry that Jesus feared they might collapse on the way home. But when their power to eat was exhausted, Christ's power to feed was not.

R. Kent Hughes

How many times have we forgotten the mercies of the Lord? We need to remind ourselves that Jesus Christ is still the same and has the solution to every problem. All we need to do is trust Him, give Him our all, and Obey.

Warren Wiersbe

Jesus is not only Himself the Great Sympathizer but also wants the disciples to share this compassion.

William Hendriksen

Before we are too hard on the disciples ... we should remember how often we have doubted the Lord as if He had never shown His grace and power to us.

Robert S. Rayburn

True compassion is not about self, and true compassion is not about convenience, it's about others.

Cody Jenison



Feeding of the 4,000

Sermon
Notes

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1. The Setting

2. The Problem

3. The Miracle

4. The Result

5. The Lessons

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. How often do we forget the wonderful acts of God in the past in answer to our prayers? Why do we forget so easily when faced with a present crisis?

3. In the table below, note the similarities and differences between these two miraculous feedings.

<i>Mark 6:30-44</i> (Feeding of 5,000)	<i>Mark 8:1-10</i> (Feeding of 4,000)
34 —	1 —
33 —	3 —
34 —	2 —
34 —	
35 —	2 —
35-36 —	3 —
37 —	4 —
38 —	5, 7 —
39-40 —	6 —
41 —	6 —
41 —	7 —
42 —	8 —
43 —	8 —
44 —	9 (<i>Mt. 15:38</i>) —
45 —	10 —

4. Critics say Mark retells the same story twice. How do you refute that?

5. Why does Jesus perform, and Mark record, two very similar miracles?

6. What is the significance of this miracle being done in Gentile territory?

7. What does this event teach us about the compassion of Jesus?

8. If someone told you the God of the Old Testament was vengeful and mean and the God of the New Testament was loving and kind, how would you respond?

9. What do these verses teach about God?

Exodus 34:6 —

Psalms 103:8 —

Deuteronomy 4:31 —

Lamentations 3:22 —

10. Why is compassion important for our relationships with one another and the world?

11. Why do the disciples ask the question (*Mark 8:4*) seeing as they had already experienced the earlier feeding miracle?

12. What was the common attitude toward Gentiles from the Jews (*Acts 10:28*)?

13. How must the disciples have felt serving food to and perhaps eating with Gentiles?