

Sermon Discussion Guide

Our Compassionate Provider

Mark 8:1-26

Big Idea: Since Jesus shows he is a compassionate provider, by providing bread and giving sight to the blind, then we ought to respond with faith and dependence, that only he can provide.

Compassion to the Gentiles

Matt 4:2, 15:38, Mark 6:34, Isaiah 42:10-11, 55:1-2

- How was this feeding unique from the first feeding of the 5,000?
- How did Jesus show compassion to the crowd?
- In what sense were the disciples blinded to what Jesus was doing?

Leaving Those Who Refuse to See

1 Cor 1:22, 2 Cor 2:3, Isaiah 6:9-10; 49:6, 60:3; 66:24, Rom 2:5, Luke 23:8

- Why did the pharisees ask for a sign?
- Why did Jesus not meet their request?
- How were the pharisees blinded?
- What is the significance of Jesus leaving them?

Compassion Seen in Patience

1 Cor 5:16, Gal 5:9, Ezekiel 12:2, Jeremiah 5:21, Rom 11:32

- Why does Jesus warn the disciples about the leaven of the pharisees and Herod?
- What is the leaven of the pharisees and Herod?
- How were disciples blind here?
- How does Jesus show his compassion to the disciples?

Giving Sight to the Blind

Eph 1:17-18, Psalm 119:18, Isaiah 29:18-19; 42:16, Luke 10:13-14, Lev 14:15

- Is this a random placed miracle, or does it have more significance to the whole narrative?
- If it is not random, how is it connected?
- Why are their stages in the miracle in the healing of the blind man?