

Bread for the Gentiles

Mark 8:1-10

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I. Compassion for all the people. Mark 8:1-3

Jesus said the first crowd was seeking food; this second crowd was also hungry, but their _____ was for the Word of God.

1. _____ for His purpose in our lives. **Proverbs 3:5-6**
2. **Communion** with Him as we receive forgiveness for sin and intimate fellowship with Him.
3. _____ for the hunger inside. **John 4:13-14**
4. _____, as our minds are fixed on Him. **Isaiah 26:3**
5. Rest in Him.

Matthew 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and _____ from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. NKJ

II. It's like Déjà vu all over again. Mark 8:4

"They (the Disciples) had been enrolled in the school of Christ. But they were _____ learners." (Dr. D. James Kennedy)

- God wants His children to be molded into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Jesus is so committed to complete our _____, He makes all things work together to make it happen.

Jesus is patient with His children and many times He is willing to teach us the _____ lesson over and over again.

III. The ultimate provision. Mark 8:5-7

By Jesus first giving the food to the Disciples, they learned to be generous and hospitable, having learned and _____ it from their Master.

- When Jesus provided bread here for the Gentiles, it shows His work of redemption for the whole world was _____. Seven also represents creation where God created all of humanity.

IV. Jesus is more than enough. Mark 8:8-10

"This was miraculous provision. The seven large baskets showed that God provided out of His _____." (Guzik)

- We are to offer ourselves to Him to do with as He pleases, and then watch Him do things beyond our _____.

V. Practical Application.

Jesus' compassion is why He willingly left heaven's throne. The Bread of Life gave His body so we could have _____ life.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 8:1-3** and **Genesis 12:7-9**. Discuss the five things the Lord gives us when we enter into authentic worship found within point I. of the sermon note sheet.
Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 26:3, Matthew 11:28-30, Philippians 4:6-9
2. According to **Mark 8:2**, how long had the multitudes remained there with Jesus? Why was this so impressive?
Genesis 29:20-30, Romans 5:1-5, Hebrews 11:13-16
3. Read **Mark 8:4**. Why does it appear that the Disciples were slow learners as Dr. D. James Kennedy said? Why is Jesus willing to teach us the same lessons over and over again?
Romans 8:28-29, Romans 12:1-2, Galatians 2:20, 1 John 3:2
4. What are your thoughts concerning the question the Disciples ask in **Mark 8:4**? What were Jesus' feelings about the crowd's needs?
John 4:13-14, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
5. Discuss the differences between the feeding of the 5000 and the feeding of the 4000. Discuss the different baskets in the two separate accounts of the feedings and the implications of those different baskets.
6. Read **Mark 8:8-10**. The multitudes, along with Jesus and His Disciples, all ate and were filled. *Approximately how many people ate (verse 9)? How much food was left over (verse 8)? What word describes the baskets (verse 8)?*
7. Discuss the practical points of the sermon notes.