

Study Guide

Mark 6:14-52

If Jesus is God, then Jesus is all I need

1. Read Mark 6:14-29. Discuss the story together. What was the dynamic around this story? Now consider the principle, when God doesn't give me what I think I need, there's something better. (see also Heb. 11:35b & 39-40b).
2. Read Mark 6:30-44. Notice how the disciples are exhausted and expecting to rest. See the compassion of Christ. Discuss the process of taking scraps from Jesus and then handing an abundance to others. What a miracle! What are the implications here? Consider again the principle, when God doesn't give me what I think I need, there's something better.
3. Read Mark 6:45-52. What do you think the disciples had hard hearts about (v.52)? Why do you think Jesus gave them another boat lesson?
4. Discuss in your personal context: Jesus is all I need! How do we tend to obsess too much with the physical world? How can we make more of an effort to gaze on the face of Jesus and less on our problems?

Application

Share a time when God gave you something better through suffering. Pray for each other to have faith to trust God's heart above the physical world you see.

Message Slides

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Theme- If Jesus is God, then Jesus is all I need

Story #1: The Beheading of John the Baptist

Principle: When God doesn't give me what I think I need, there's something better.

“King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.”¹⁵ But others said, “He is Elijah.” And others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.”¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her.¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.”¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not,²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.”²³ And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.”²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.”²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her.²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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Heb. 11:35b & 39-40b

Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life...³⁰ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,³¹ since God had provided something better for us...

Story #2- The Feeding of the 5000

Principle: When God doesn't give me what I think I need, there's something better.

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught.³¹ 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.³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns³⁴ and got there ahead of them.³⁵ 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.

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³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late.³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denariiworth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And 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."

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³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And 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. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied.⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

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Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4; Luke 4:4

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

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Mark 6:52- ...they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Story #3- Jesus Walks on the Water

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⁴⁵Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the nighthe came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Matt. 14:28-33

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁸He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ²⁹But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³⁰Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did

you doubt?”³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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Notice: You become what you gaze upon!

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