### MARK 6:30-44 – JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

# OPEN IN PRAYER

#### Prepare your heart to engage with the text through prayer.

"Open my eyes that I may see wondrous things in your law" (Ps. 119:18). Pray to God to help you understand and see wonderful things that build you up in the faith.

#### INTRO

Earlier Jesus had been rejected as the Messiah or a prophet in His hometown, and shortly after that He sent the disciples out in pairs for a long missional journey. Once they returned to Jesus they were tired and hungry. So Jesus wants to take them aside privately to give them a break, get some food and rest up. Word quickly spreads, though, and a great crowd gathers to see Jesus.

#### **HIGHLIGHT**

Read the passage and highlight, circle, or underline any words or phrases that stand out to you.

Mark 6:30-44 - 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 towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> 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. 35 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." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 38 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." 39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41 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. 42 And they all ate and were satisfied. 43 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.

Summarize the passage. What are the key words or thoughts? What would you title this passage (one word or short phrase)?

## EXPLAIN AND APPLY

What can you learn about God from this passage (Father, Son, or Spirit)?

How is your need for Jesus seen in this passage?

#### RESPOND

Respond to God in prayer with how this passage has encouraged you or challenged you.

Pray to God praising Him as your Shepherd, who cares for you and tends to your needs, worries, and cares. Pray to God about the ways in which you need His provision, and for help in areas where you have tried to provide for yourself instead.