

## Third Week of Advent Mark 6:30-44

Imitating Jesus starts with <u>God-gifted compassion</u>. (Mark 6:30-34)

Imitating Jesus is built on <u>faith-filled service.</u> (Mark 6:35-38)

Imitating Jesus leads to <u>heaven-sourced miracles.</u> (Mark 6:39-44)

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## MY APPLICATION

The following questions this week reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family and friends.

- 1. Think back to influential people in your life. Share what traits, characteristics "you picked up" from them.
- 2. Read Mark 6:30-34. How do you think the disciples felt getting off the boat and seeing all those people? Is the kind of compassion Jesus models easy or hard for you and why? Are there people in your life who need the compassion of Jesus? Who are they?
- 3. Read Mark 6:35-38. How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus says, "you give them something to eat?" What would have been your reaction? Is there a faithfilled step you could take with a person in your life this week? Could you invite them to a Christmas Eve service?
- 4. Read Mark 6:39-44. Have you seen God show up in a miraculous way in your life (big and small miracles count)?
- 5. Spend some time praying for the people you plan to take a step toward and for God to show up and do what only He can do.

## Memory Verse

"He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd."

Mark 6:34b (ESV)