



## Third Week of Advent: Imitating Jesus

### Sermon Points: Mark 6:30-44

1. **Imitating Jesus starts with God-gifted compassion (Mark 6:30-34)**
2. **Imitating Jesus is built on faith-filled service (Mark 6:35-38)**
3. **Imitating Jesus leads to heaven-sourced miracles (Mark 6:39-44)**

### Group Opener:

Remind your small group of plans (or make plans) on how you will serve others and celebrate this Christmas season (for example, serving at Christmas Eve services, inviting to Christmas services, Tree of Lights, Small Group Christmas Party, etc.)

### Discussion Questions:

1. Think back to influential people in your life. Share what traits or characteristics you “picked up” from them.
2. In Mark 6:34, Jesus sees the crowds and has compassion on them. Are there people in your life who need the compassion of Jesus? Who are they?
3. Read Mark 6:35-38

Imagine being one of the disciples when Jesus said, “You give them something to eat.” What would have been your reaction?

4. After the disciples bring to Jesus what little food they found, Jesus multiplies it to feed thousands. Have you seen God show up in your life in miraculous ways big or small? Please share with the group!
5. Consider someone you can invite to the Christmas services and conclude by spending some time praying for the people with whom you plan to share the love of Jesus. Is there a faith-filled step you could take with a person in your *oikos* this week?

NOTE: Over the Christmas & New Year break we will also take a break from providing Small Group Discussion questions. They will resume January 6, 2025.