

Main Idea: Jesus wants his followers to pay attention to what he's doing because he teaches on multiple levels.

Connecting

What do you do to get rest (other than sleep)? Where is your 'solitary place'?

Do you re-energize by being with large groups of people, small groups, or by being alone?

Understanding

Read Mark 6:32-38. When Jesus came ashore and saw a large crowd, why do you think he decided to stay? What's the difference between the way Jesus responded to the crowd and the way his disciples responded?

Read Mark 6:39-44. What do the disciples want Jesus to do? Why do you think Jesus told his disciples to feed the crowd? What is Jesus trying to teach his disciples?

Read Mark 6:45-52. What lessons do you think Jesus is teaching about himself, his mission, and the kingdom of God with this 're-enactment' of certain events in Exodus?

Living

When are you most aware of what God is doing in your life? What increases or decreases your sense of awareness?

Jesus wants his disciples to learn and grow through life experiences. How is God doing that in your life right now?

What role does community play in helping Christ-followers grow? How can community help you assess your own growth? Take time to pray for one another.

Next Week: Mark 7:1-23