



JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark PART 20 - Mark 6:24-44

The Poison of Bitterness

READ: Mark 6:24–29 and Hebrews 12:14–15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What does Herodias' grudge teach us about how bitterness can grow if left unchecked? How have you seen that in your own life or someone else's?
- 2) Why do you think no one at the banquet spoke up when Herod made such a horrific decision? How does silence sometimes make us complicit in sin today?
- 3) Pastor G said, "Sin doesn't stay contained in one heart. It leeches into those around us." How have you seen that principle play out in relationships, workplaces, or families?
- 4) What are practical ways we can guard our hearts and our communities from the spread of bitterness and sin?

Rest, Reflection, and Renewal

READ: Mark 6:30–34 and Psalm 23:1–3

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why do you think Jesus insisted on rest and solitude for His disciples after their busy mission? What does that tell us about His priorities for His followers?
- 2) Pastor G said, "Mission, mending, and mentorship: go in My name, then come back to My presence." What does that rhythm look like in your life? How can you cultivate it?
- 3) When the crowd interrupted their retreat, Jesus responded with compassion, not frustration. How can His example shape how we respond when our own plans are disrupted?
- 4) Where do you need to build intentional rhythms of rest and renewal to stay spiritually healthy and available for God's work?

When the Need Feels Impossible

READ: Mark 6:35–40 and Mark 10:27

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why do you think the disciples were so quick to dismiss Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat"? What does that reveal about how we handle overwhelming problems?
- 2) Pastor G said, "We look at what we don't have instead of what God can do." Where in your life do you see that tendency, and how could faith reframe that situation?
- 3) What does it mean to bring "what you have" to Jesus, even when it feels too small? How have you seen God multiply your "not-enoughs" in the past?
- 4) How does breaking the crowd into groups of 50s and 100s speak to God's heart for order, community, and care in His kingdom?

Abundance in the Hands of Jesus

READ: Mark 6:41–44 and Malachi 3:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What stands out to you about the quiet way Jesus performs this miracle — blessing, breaking, and giving? How does that speak to His character?

- 2) Pastor G said, "One of those baskets has your name on it — a reminder that in Christ, you are never outside the reach of His care." How does that truth encourage you in your current season?
- 3) In a world that constantly tells us there's not enough — not enough time, money, or energy — how can we live out a mindset of God's abundance instead of scarcity?
- 4) What step of faith could you take this week to place your limited resources — your time, talents, or even fears — in Jesus' hands for Him to bless and multiply?