



JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark

PART 25 - 8:1 - 9

Hungry in the Wilderness

READ: Mark 8:1; Deuteronomy 8:2–3

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Mark's "in those days" ties this scene to Gentile territory. How does that setting shape the way you hear the line, "they had nothing to eat"?
- 2) Deuteronomy 8 says God lets us hunger to teach us that we live by His word. When have you felt "nothing to eat" spiritually, and what did God teach you there?
- 3) Pastor G said, "Sometimes God lets us hit 'nothing to eat' not to punish us, but to position us." Where might God be positioning you right now?
- 4) What would it look like, practically, to stay near Jesus rather than scramble for quick fixes when you feel empty?

Moved in His Gut

READ: Mark 8:2–3; Psalm 145:15–16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) The word *splanchnizomai* means Jesus felt compassion in His innermost being. How does that deepen your view of His heart toward your everyday needs?
- 2) Jesus honors the crowd's three-day persistence. What helps you "remain with Him" when your strength is unraveling?
- 3) Pastor G said, "He doesn't only save us in the sanctuary; He sustains us on the journey home." Where do you most need that sustaining grace this week?
- 4) Psalm 145 says God "opens His hand" to satisfy. Share a recent moment when you sensed God's open hand — or where you're asking to see it.

Bread in the Barren Place

READ: Mark 8:4–5; Mark 6:35–44

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) The disciples had already seen a feeding miracle, yet asked, "Where can anyone find bread here?" Why do you think fresh fear so easily erases old memories of God's faithfulness?
- 2) Jesus asks, "How many loaves do you have?" — not "What do you wish you had?" What "loaves" (time, skill, relationships, resources) are actually in your hands right now?
- 3) Pastor G said, "Don't despise small beginnings. In His hands, even seven loaves can feed thousands." What small obedience could you place in His hands this week?
- 4) Compare the two feedings. What do you notice about Jesus' consistency across different crowds and contexts, and how does that steady your trust?

Eucharistic Echoes: Taken, Blessed, Broken, Given

READ: Mark 8:6–9; Luke 24:30–31

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) In Mark 8, the people sit "on the ground," not "green grass." What does Jesus' provision in less-than-ideal settings say to your current season?

- 2) Notice the pattern: He gives thanks, breaks, and gives — then “they ate and were satisfied.” Where have you experienced that rhythm in worship or daily life?
- 3) Pastor G said, “Sunday morning worship is not the finish line; it’s the filling station... we leave full, forgiven, and sent.” How might that reshape your Monday through Saturday?
- 4) Luke 24 shows Jesus known “in the breaking of the bread.” Where is He inviting you to recognize Him now — in ordinary meals, ordinary moments, ordinary service?