

PREACHING CURRICULUM

SIMPLY FOLLOWING JESUS – MARK 6:30-56

THE MIRACLE WORKER

In this week's passage, we are reminded once again of Jesus' power – His ability to provide for the physical needs of His people, His command over the natural world and His control over diseases and sickness. And yet, in our humanity we can sometimes be blind to the full significance of these events.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Mark 6:30-44. What do we learn about Jesus' identity and character from His response to the crowd, including His miraculous provision of food for them? _____

Read Mark 6:45-52. What lesson did the disciples fail to learn from the miraculous provision of food for the multitude (see v. 52)? How can we avoid being blind to that same lesson? _____

Read Mark 6:53-56. Does Jesus ever run out of power to heal people? What does it say about Jesus' power that the people merely had to touch his garment to be healed? _____

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Is it possible that you are blind to certain lessons God is teaching you? What is the cause of that blindness and how can it be corrected? _____

In what ways has God provided for you (physically, spiritually, emotionally, etc.)? Name specific examples. Do you tend to view God as being stingy or generous? _____

Do you believe that God is capable of intervening miraculously in the world today? Do you believe He is willing? If so, what would that look like today? _____

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

In what ways can we help one another overcome our spiritual blind spots? _____

How can you become more grateful for God's generosity to you? _____

What would change in your life if you truly believed that God is capable and willing to work miracles in the world today? _____

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Commit to praying for one another this week, to helping each other recognize our blind spots, to be grateful for the generous provision of God in their lives, and to expect God's work in the world and in our lives as believers.