

# Small Group Study: Week 3

Welcome to week three of the "Jesus Said" Small Group study. Over the six weeks of this study, we pray this guide will help you and your group further grasp the words of Jesus and what they mean for your lives today. This study will build on each weekend's sermon, so please make it a priority to listen to the sermon before meeting with your group each week. If you were unable to catch the sermon this weekend, check it out at [firstdecatour.org/sermons](http://firstdecatour.org/sermons). Also, if you need an online Bible, please download the YouVersion Bible App from the App Store or Google Play.



## Getting Started

Use the questions below to get the conversation moving in your group this week.

- ▶ Pastor Wayne started his sermon this weekend by talking about ice cream trucks and food trucks. Share your favorite item from an ice cream truck or favorite experience with a food truck.
- ▶ If you could start your own food truck business, what unique items would you sell? Why?



## Read Mark 6:30-44

Mark chapters five and six contain accounts of powerful moments in Jesus' ministry. The timeframe these chapters cover was a season of exceptional productivity for Jesus and his traveling band of disciples. Jesus' popularity grew exponentially. It became a significant problem for Jesus and his disciples. They couldn't keep up with the demands and needs. So, with people seeking him continually, wanting to touch him, have him touch them, bring healing and teaching – the group decided that they needed a break.

Jesus and the disciples attempted to escape the crowd, but the crowd followed them. By the time their boat arrived back onshore, more than 5,000 people had gathered to receive healing and hear Jesus teach. Mark tells us that Jesus had compassion for the crowd, so he taught them.

However, there was another problem. The people were hungry. So, Jesus assigned the task of feeding 5000 people to his disciples, who were already worn down and weary. Of course, we know this was an impossible task. Not only was their no money to pay for a meal like this, but even if they had the money, where would they have purchased food for that many people. The disciples had a problem that could only be solved with a miracle, and that is precisely what Jesus did.



## Talk About It

- ▶ Jesus and his disciples were tired, yet God used them in their exhaustion to do something powerful. What should we take away from this passage about responding to the needs of others amid our fatigue and attempts to rest?
- ▶ The disciples learned their limits were not God's limits. Their ideas and the potential of what they imagined was too small. Are there situations in your life where you are limiting God? What would it look like to trust God with those situations?
- ▶ Jesus sent his disciples to discover the need and then use the resources around them to meet the need. As they did, they encountered a miracle. Have you ever experienced a situation like this? When has God called you to look at the need around you and respond with the resources you have? Is there a situation in your life right now that God might be calling you to respond to?
- ▶ Pastor Wayne said that if we are walking with Jesus, then the people in need around us are our responsibility. As you think about that idea, what does that mean for you today?



# Jesus Said



## Watch

- ▶ Watch the “Jesus Said Week 3 Small Group Video” video as a group. This video is available on the leader blog here: <https://fccgrowtogether.org> If you are able to stream videos to your TV, that would most likely be the best method. If not, consider showing the video on a laptop or tablet. Please let Pastor Jonathan know if you have any difficulties.



## Talk About It

- ▶ How do these incredible healings impact your view of Jesus? What would it have been like to see Jesus teach and watch him heal others?
- ▶ As Pastor Wayne asked in the video “Who can you be the tangible touch of Jesus Christ for this week?” What will that look like? How will you go about it?
- ▶ How does it change your perspective on your daily routine to consider being the tangible touch of Jesus Christ in the lives of people you encounter each day?



## Pray

As you close your group time this week, pray for one another that you will each follow through and be the tangible touch of Jesus Christ in the life of someone this week.



## Bible Reading Plan

We desire that each person in your group would read the book of Mark over the six weeks of this series. As you prepare for next week, please read Chapters seven and eight and jot down some notes to bring with you to small group.