

Our Provider > Mark 8:1-10

8:1-3 *Christ's heart; the people's need.* Consistently, Jesus is far more gracious and compassionate than we might assume. Here, we read of his care for the crowd who had been learning from him across three days in the wilderness.

8:4 *The challenge.* But how would Christ's compassion turn into concrete care? The disciples themselves saw no earthly solution.

8:5-7 *Christ provides.* Just as with the feeding of the 5,000, so here Jesus provides for the people. Though a smaller crowd overall, these Gentiles were no less cared for than the Jewish crowd of **Mark 6**.

8:8-10 *Satisfied in Christ.* What Jesus gives is more than enough – he is not stingy with his people. Instead, in Jesus, all that is necessary for faithfulness is provided for his people.

The Point: All of Christ's people – Jew and Gentile – benefit from his compassion and provision. He does not call them to a place where they will lack what is truly needed.

Prayer: Lord, help us to believe what you have said. Too often, we think we are the exceptions. Too often, we struggle to trust your love and care for us. Help our unbelief! Help us to share about your goodness with others.

Application: Rejoice that you serve a kind and compassionate king! How will the words you speak and the actions you take this week reflect Jesus' compassion?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
