



# QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED

## Discussion Questions

Week of 3/17/24

**Text:** Mark 8:1-21

**Icebreaker:** Have you had a time when what you had to offer did not seem like it was enough to meet a need or accomplish a task? What happened?

**1.** Read Mark 8:1-21. What was significant to you from these verses or from the sermon you heard this week? Why?

**2.** Verses 1-5 describe the basic problem facing Jesus and the disciples. What do these verses tell us about Jesus's heart toward the "great crowd" that had gathered?

*Application:* How would you define "compassion"? What difference do you think compassion makes in how we respond to the needs of others?

**3.** Use your imagination a bit...how else could Jesus have responded to the crowds' need? What do you notice about the way Jesus chooses to perform this miracle in verses 6-9?

*Application:* Has your own awareness of your limited abilities and resources ever kept you from an opportunity to help others? If so, what were the circumstances?

**4.** Verses 11-13 describe Jesus's encounter with the Pharisees on another side of the lake. What is it about their attitude that leads Jesus to respond so differently than he did to the crowd?

*Application:* What differences could we expect to observe between someone who is trying to investigate who Jesus is and someone who refuses to believe?

**5.** In verses 14-21, Jesus rebukes the disciples. What had they failed to remember?

*Application:* How has God provided for you and met your needs in the past? How should your memory of those things help as you face new needs or problems today?