

## JESUS' COMPASSION FOR THE CROWD

Mark 4:1 – 8:30

Key verse 6:34

### \* The Secrets of the Kingdom of God (4:1 - 5:43)

1. What did Jesus teach about the secrets of the kingdom of God through 5 parables? (4:1-9, 21-23, 24-25, 26-29, 30-32) Why did Jesus talk repeatedly through the parables? (4:9, 11-13, 20, 33-34) How can we experience the secrets of God's kingdom? What do these parables teach about Jesus' ministry and his shepherd heart for his people and disciples?
2. What and why did Jesus reveal about himself to the disciples in storm training (4: 35-41) How did Jesus heal a demon possessed man, Jairus' daughter and a bleeding woman? (5:1-43) What did Jesus reveal and what did the disciples learn through these events? What did Jesus teach about shepherd life and faith? (4:40-41, 5:34, 36, 6:6)?

### \* You Give Them Something to Eat (6:1 – 8:30)

3. What let Jesus his Apostles experience through the rejection in Nazareth and sending them out? (6:1-13) What does the martyrdom of John the Baptist tell us about those days? (6:14-29) Why did Jesus command his disciples to give the crowd something to eat? (6:30-38) What did the disciples learn about Jesus and his spiritual leadership through feeding the five thousand? (6:34, 37, 8:2-3)
4. What did Jesus show to his disciples by walking on the water and by rebuking the Pharisees? (6:45-52, 7:1-23, 8:14-21) How is Jesus' leadership different from that of the religious leaders? What did Jesus reveal about himself through his healing ministry for three groups of people? (7:24 - 8:9) What historical meaning had Peter's confession, "You are the Messiah"? (8:27-30) How could Peter declare such a confession?