Mark Lesson 24 (2022)

**JESUS FEEDS THE FOUR THOUSAND IN DECAPOLIS**

*(Subtitle: “I have compassion for these people?”)*

Mark 8:1-10

**Open it:**

1. When was a time someone showed compassion to you? How does it make you feel to receive support or help from others?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 1-3. Why did Jesus call the disciples to him? How did Jesus feel toward the crowd of people that had gathered? Why couldn’t Jesus send the people to their homes for food? What can we learn from Jesus’ attitude toward the crowds that followed him?
2. Read verses 4-5. What did Jesus’ disciples think of the crowd’s dilemma? Do you see any progress in their suggestions? What was the disciples’ dilemma? How did Jesus involve his disciples in this problem?
3. Read verses 6-10. What did Jesus do with the seven loaves and a few small fish the disciples had found? (6-7) How much food went uneaten? (8-9) What does it show Jesus’ provision? What did Jesus do after he had let the crowd? (10)

**Apply it:**

1. How can you become a more compassionate person? To whom can you show compassion? How can you trust God to supply your needs?