

- I. Our Need: Christ's Compassion for Our Need
 - A. The Needs of the Disciples (Mark 6:30-32; 8:17-21; John 6:68-69)
 - B. The Needs of the Crowds (Mark 6:34; 8:2-3)
 - C. Our Needs

- II. Christ's Provision: Christ Reveals Himself Through His Provision
 - A. The Provision of Healing Reveals Christ as Our Great Physician (Matt 14:14)
 - B. The Provision of Teaching Reveals Christ as Our Great Prophet (Mark 6:34; Deut 8:3)
 - C. The Provision of Physical Bread Reveals Christ as Our Provider (1 Kings 17:13-16; 2 Kings 4:42-44; Exodus 16)
 - D. The Overall Provision Reveals Christ as the Good Shepherd of Psalm 23 (Mark 6:39; John 6:10)
 - E. Christ Reveals Himself as the Bread of Life, the Living Bread from Heaven, the Provider and Provision of Eternal Life (John 6:25-58)

“The crowds want an earthly deliverer like Moses to supply food and bring political freedom. Jesus seeks to turn their attention from the physical food they seek to the spiritual food he is. Thus he is not merely, like Moses, the mediator of God’s gift; rather he himself is God’s gift.” —Craig Keener

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What needs do the crowds and disciples have in these passages? What needs do you share with them?
2. How does Jesus provide for our needs?
3. How does this miracle reveal Jesus’ identity?