

The Loving Pastor
Learning to Love... Like Jesus— Part 7
Mark 6:31-44
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³¹ Crowds of people were coming and going so that Jesus and his followers did not even have time to eat. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves, and we will go to a lonely place to get some rest."³² So they went in a boat by themselves to a lonely place.³³ But many people saw them leave and recognized them. So from all the towns they ran to the place where Jesus was going, and they got there before him.³⁴ When he arrived, he saw a great crowd waiting. He felt sorry for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things.³⁵ When it was late in the day, his followers came to him and said, "No one lives in this place, and it is already very late."³⁶ Send the people away so they can go to the countryside and towns around here to buy themselves something to eat."³⁷ But Jesus answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "We would all have to work a month to earn enough money to buy that much bread!"³⁸ Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have? Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five loaves and two fish."³⁹ Then Jesus told his followers to have the people sit in groups on the green grass.⁴⁰ So they sat in groups of fifty or a hundred.⁴¹ Jesus took the five loaves and two fish and, looking up to heaven, he thanked God for the food. He divided the bread and gave it to his followers for them to give to the people. Then he divided the two fish among them all.⁴² All the people ate and were satisfied.⁴³ The followers filled twelve baskets with the leftover pieces of bread and fish.⁴⁴ There were five thousand men who ate.

--Mark 6:31-44

Among the many lessons Jesus must've shared with his disciples during this impromptu picnic, five seem to stand out above the rest:

1. A lesson in _____.

Jesus wanted his followers to learn a valuable lesson: loving people sometimes means making _____.

2. A lesson in _____.

"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them." (v. 34 NIV)

Before people care how much you know, they have to know how much you
_____!

3. A lesson in _____.

“No one lives in this place, and it is already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the countryside and towns around here to buy themselves something to eat.”
(vv. 35-36)

4. A lesson in _____.

5. A lesson in _____.