

Series: Lessons from His Life
Message: God's Purposeful Provision
Text: Mark 6:30-44 (AM 2/17/08)

By our nature we are a needy people. Whether physical, emotional or spiritual we find ourselves in constant need. Jesus knows our deficiencies. He longs for us to trust Him to meet our every need. Jesus supernatural feeding of five thousand demonstrates *His Purposeful Provision*.

I. I. Our Provider is Compassionate (34-46)

Jesus is keenly aware of your need and your pain.

- • He knows our hurt (34a) *"He...was moved with compassion"*
- • He knows our heart (34b) *"They were sheep not having a shepherd"*
- • *Like no other* He knows how to help (34c) *"He began to teach them"*

II. II. Our Provision is Comprehensive (36-41)

Jesus longs to meet your need and ease your pain.

- • Jesus knows the hour (35) *"The hour is late..."*
- • Jesus knows your hunger (36) *"They have nothing to eat..."*
- • Jesus knows how to help (37-41) *"So they all ate and were filled..."*

III. III. Our Provision is Complementary (42-44)

Jesus purposeful provision develops our faith and character.

- • God's provision is practical
 - ➤ Start with what you have
 - ➤ Give what you have to Jesus
 - ➤ Follow His council
 - ➤ Conserve the results
- • God's provision is plentiful
 - ➤ *Jesus provides all we need when we bring Him all we have!*
- • God's provision is purposeful

- **Application to our life:** Is there a need in your life? *The Shepherd* longs to meet your need. Would you bring Him *your loaves and fishes*? If you will bring Him all you have He will take care of all your needs.