How Much Bread Do You Have?

Group Questions - *Honest to God*
Mark 8:1-21

Welcome & Check-In

- Where did you see God at work in your life since we last met?
- Choose an ice-breaker question from the appendix.

FOLLOWING JESUS: Scripture & Reflection

- Read Mark 8:1-21 out loud as a group.
    - What words or phrases stand out to you?
    - What questions do you have?
- Jesus asks, “How many loaves do you have?” (v. 5). Why do you think Jesus asks about what the disciples have rather than what they need?
- Skim back through the story and try to figure out when the miracle actually took place.
- Talk about how different Jesus’ response is to the crowd (compassion) and the Pharisees (deep sigh). Why do you think Jesus was so stern with the Pharisees (vv. 11-13)?
- Why do you think the disciples struggle to trust Jesus even after witnessing two miraculous feedings? What do Jesus' repeated questions reveal about what he wants them to understand (vv. 14-21)?

IN COMMUNITY: Sharing & Support

- Where in your life do you sense a gap between what you have and what you need?
- Which of these three challenges resonates most with you right now, and why?
    - Participate in Jesus' compassion even when you feel inadequate.
    - Respond to what Jesus has revealed even when you have unanswered questions.
    - Remember Jesus' faithfulness even when you're facing a new challenge.
- On Sunday, Ryan shared that when he’s short on resources, he’s often short with people. When you’re running low on time, energy, or patience, how does that affect the way you treat others?
- How do you see the difference between doubt and unbelief? Who in the passage illustrates each posture?
- Jesus asks the disciples, “Do you not remember?” (v. 18) What's one way Jesus has been faithful to you in the past that you need to remember in your current circumstances?

ON MISSION: Living It Out

- How can we fight against “the leaven of the Pharisees” in our community?
- Where do you see a need around you that feels bigger than your available resources? What might it look like to offer Jesus what you have rather than waiting until you have enough?

- Who is one person you could show compassion to this week, even if you feel stretched thin? What's one practical step you could take?

Core 4 questions:

- **What is Jesus saying to you?**
- How do you feel about what he is saying?
- What are you going to do in response?
- Who will you share this with?

- Revisit and add to your prayer list, then pray for one another.