

# The Ripple Effect

## *The Ripple Effect of Compassion*

(Mark 6:30-44)

- Introduction:
1. Last week we observed the “ripple effect” produced from the faith of Abraham.
  2. Because of Abraham’s faith, he is able to say that he had a hand in everyone’s salvation. What a thought!
  3. This morning, let’s examine the “ripple effect” we can have through compassion.

### **I. Jesus Feed’s 5000**

- A. Jesus just learned that John the Baptist was beheaded by Herod (6:30).
- B. Jesus invites his disciples to rest at a deserted place (6:31).
- C. However, Jesus couldn’t get away from the crowds (6:33).
- D. Jesus was moved with compassion, so he taught them (6:34).
- E. Asked his disciples to feed the multitude (6:35-37).
- F. They are miraculously fed (6:38-44).

### **II. Lessons Learned From This Account**

- A. Jesus had time for people, and was willing to be inconvenienced (6:31-33).
  1. (Luke 19:10).
  2. (Luke 19:1-9) Outcast.
- B. Compassion led to teaching (6:34).
  1. True compassion ministers to the spirit, not just the flesh.
  2. (Matthew 16:26).
- C. It requires selflessness (6:36-37).
  1. The church, not some other organization, needs to bring glory to God (Ephesians 3:21).
- D. God can change lives through the ripple effect of compassion.
  1. Do you think the people present on this day ever forgot what they experienced?

- Conclusion:
1. Let God use you to create a ripple effect by your compassion shown to others.
  2. Allow God to love others through you.