

# DISCUSSION NOTES

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## Love Your Neighbour

Mark 6: 30-44 | *Caring: Community to Community* | July 26, 2020

- *Our society is extremely individualistic, we live in an age of iPhone's, and iPad's, it's all about me and what I want and how I look. We can spin our story on social media and make our lives appear polished and always perfect.*
- *We can share a different story; one of compassion and care, looking after those less fortunate than ourselves.*
- *Throughout the gospels Jesus models community to community care so well.*
  - One of the greatest examples we see of Jesus working together with others, to meet a need, is in the feeding of the five thousand.
  - Jesus saw the disciples as capable and able. When the disciples brought the need to him, he simply said, "You feed them."
  - When they protested, he met them with a question, "How much bread do you have? Followed up with, "Go and find out." Jesus knew that they could find what they needed, they just had to go and look for it.
  - Jesus took what they had and multiplied it as they served!
  - Today we are not only living through a pandemic but also great unrest due to continued racial injustice. The needs out there are great, and some are extremely complex. Like the disciples we could feel overwhelmed by the immense need and unable to do anything.
  - Jesus sees us as capable and able.
  - He asks us to care for our community during this time with what we have.
  - As we step out Jesus will take what we have and multiply it.
  - Community to community care can be instigated by us at our places of work or different areas that we are involved in. This helps people take their eyes off their own problems for a while and see the needs of others.
  - The helps shape the culture, moving it away from being individualistic and self centred to being others focused

### ***DISCUSSION QUESTIONS***

1. How has caring for others as a community shaped your faith?
2. What are the challenges you see facing us today in caring for the broader community together as a church community?
3. Brainstorm some ideas of how we might overcome those challenges.
4. What do you have that you can bring to the table? (Gifts, abilities, resources).
5. Who can you influence to bring about change in the culture?