

Questions to Think About and Discuss:

1. Which subjects did you enjoy in school? Which subjects required a lot of instruction and assistance before you “got it”?

2. How would you respond to someone who claimed the feeding of the five thousand (6:35–44) and the feeding of the four thousand (8:1–9) are really the same event reported twice by Mark (and Matthew)?

3. What is the significance of this feeding taking place in Gentile territory?

4. How is Jesus’ compassion and concern for the physical needs of the Gentile crowd indicative of His concern for our spiritual state?

5. When we are faced with an impossible situation and we want to turn it over to God, how do we go about doing that?

6. Have you ever encountered someone who wouldn’t accept your explanation of Christianity even if you used sound logic? What would it take to get through to such a person?

7. As we face new challenges, how can we increase the chances that we will remember God’s mighty works from the past and His words of encouragement?

8. How was Jesus’ method of healing this blind man an encouragement for His disciples? How is it encouraging for you?
