



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together



Home Group study: week beginning 17th July 2022

THEME: MERE HOSPITALITY? - A TALE OF 2 FEASTS

PASSAGE: Mark 6v21-44

LAUNCH

Have you ever hosted or been at an event where things just didn't feel right? Can you put your finger on what the problem was?

If you were to host the perfect event, what would it look like?

DISCOVERY

Name all the things that were wrong with Herod's birthday banquet (21-29)

Name all the things that were right about Jesus's improvised picnic (30-44)

UNDERSTANDING

In Dave's sermon, he suggested that alcohol was a gateway sin. What was meant by this? In Herod's case it led to rash promises. What other sins can it lead to?

Jesus and his disciples needed a break but they found themselves hi-jacked by the needs of the crowd. Have you ever found yourself in a similar situation? What is God trying to teach us through these experiences?

'*esplanchnisthe*' is the Greek word for the compassion that Jesus had for the crowd. It literally means from the bowels or out of the core and occurs only a few times in the New Testament (Good Samaritan, Prodigal Son). It's easy to have such a compassion for family members but how do we acquire it in the way that Jesus had it?

Jesus was also moved by the fact that the crowd was like sheep without a shepherd. What behaviours do you notice today that indicate that people are 'shepherd less sheep'? Spend time praying for them that they will find the true Shepherd

Jesus bluntly asked his disciples to feed 5000 plus people knowing full well they wouldn't have a clue how to achieve it. What was he trying to teach them through this exercise?

Jesus was able to multiply very limited resources available at the time (a few loaves and fishes) to great effect. What resources does he need to multiply here at Jubilee so the kingdom can advance? Pray that this multiplication will take place.

APPLICATION

Please pray for our church picnic/fun day at the end of July. That we will be good hosts and our guests will feel welcomed

Pray for one another that you will acquire a Christlike heart of compassion that extends far beyond your immediate family