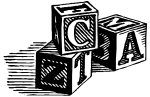


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "Developing a **CHRISTIAN** Worldview - The Feeding of the Four Thousand (Mark 8:1-9 [Gospel Parallels - Matt. 15:32-39])



Basic Ideas from Mark 8:1-9.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know the largeness of God's love.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose Jesus above your own fleshly appetites.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in Him for your worldview.



Basic Questions from Mark 8:1-9.

1. Are we safe in assuming Jesus is still regionally in the Decapolis? The crowd would have been predominately Gentile.
2. Do you not get the impression that 8:1 was a common occurrence? Although we only have two of these types of events, they might have been something that happened regularly.
3. Why did Jesus have compassion for the people?
4. If the people had not eaten for three days, is it safe to assume that Jesus had not eaten for three days?
5. What did the questioning by the disciples reveal?
6. What are the parallels between Mark 6:34ff and this passage?
7. Why do we have this repetition?
8. Is there significance in Jesus organizing the people, giving thanks, breaking bread, and distributing it through His disciples?
9. What is the significance of the extra baskets?
10. What does an impartial love look like in your life?
11. How can you exercise Christian charity?
12. How can you guard yourself from becoming jaded toward those with genuine need?
13. How do you express a belief in the God of the impossible?
14. How can you guard yourself from becoming consumed by all things temporal?
15. How can you live with a lavish grace?
16. How might this passage change the way you think and behave?
17. What application can we make from this text?



The **Basic Application** from Mark 8:1-9.

1. Who do you need to love whom you consider unlovely?
2. Who do you need to help whom you consider helpless?
3. Who do you need to assist who is unworthy of your assistance?
4. When we are confronted by the uncomfortable and unpleasant, we should ask ourselves the question, "What would Jesus do?" God is living His life in you and through you to those around you. May we be for our community, the visible and tangible body of Christ.
5. What does this story cause you to change in your thinking and/or actions?