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Mark 8:1-10

**Jesus came to offer a full and satisfying life to all people, and he uses us to distribute it.**

1. How does Jesus' claim that he is the "Bread of Life" resonate in your day to day life today?
2. Read verses 1-3. What observations can you make about the story? Consider the location, thoughts and feelings of the people in the story.
3. Read verses 4-7. Mark said, when Jesus asked, "How many loaves do you have?" he was really saying to the disciples, "You don't have what it takes." Why does Jesus want us to know that we don't have what it takes? What does it look like for you to offer just what you have?
4. Mark gave an illustration of fishing with his young son. He said it was a greater delight for him to watch his son land the fish. What does it mean to you that Jesus wants you to have the joy of participating?
5. Read verses 8-10. What are those things in your world that promise to satisfy you the most? What have you learned from people you know that seem satisfied by the Bread of Life?
6. CS Lewis talks about the urge to include some people and exclude others. He calls it the lure of the inner ring. What opportunities do you have in your life to move outside your inner ring and look for people on the margins? What might you be required to sacrifice for the reward of moving outside your inner ring into your neighborhood and beyond?