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**The Tragedy Of Forgetfulness**

Matthew 15:32-38

**Key Truth**: God is looking for a heart that is desperate for Him and remembers His faithfulness. Those who follow Jesus’ show compassion for others as they join their hearts to God’s heart for the lost.

**Some Truths About Jesus Feeding The Four Thousand:**

1. Jesus is compassionate and wants to satisfy your needs.

 A. Jesus cares about the physical needs of people as well as

 their spiritual needs.

2. Jesus wants to include His disciples in meeting the needs of

 the people.

3. Jesus wants the church to do the work of the ministry with

 the provision that He supplies.

**What Happens When We Forget The Goodness Of Jesus:**

1. We limit what Jesus can do with our lives.

2. We limit what Jesus can do in the lives of others.

3. Ultimately, we limit Jesus from working in a way that show’s

 His compassion and mercy.

**Some People Just Won’t Get It!!** Mark 16:1-12

1. Because Jesus has proven Himself in the past, we shouldn’t be

 asking for a sign.

 A. Instead of asking for a sign, let’s repent of our sin!

2. We shouldn’t be asking “Can He?” but rather “Will He?”

3. Beware of false teachers and new doctrines.

 A. The mark of a true follower of Jesus is a changed heart.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for His great compassion for all people. Look for opportunities this week to display Jesus’ compassion and love to others.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Is compassion for others something you would say you feel and experience on a daily basis? Why or why not?

What is a situation where you might feel compassion for someone else?

In what situations is compassion hard for you?

Based on Matthew 15:29-39: What motivated Jesus to perform this miracle?

What did Jesus use to feed the large crowd of people? Why did He ask the disciples to start with what they had? Why do you think Jesus saved all the scraps?

What does the provision of bread and fish teach us about Jesus?

Read Jonah 4:1-3: Even though Jonah experienced God’s grace and mercy when he rebelled, why was he upset with God’s compassion for Nineveh?

In what ways do sinful attitudes keep us from joining God in His mission?

How has your time in Connection Group helped you grow in your relationship with Jesus?