



Everyone wrestles with God. We may not doubt if He exists, but we often wonder if He is right. Jesus got questioned a lot. Using the gospel of Mark, we will glean truth from times when Jesus was second-guessed that will help us with our own questions.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Rick began by reminding us that *“In one sense acceptance of impossibility is just a healthy acknowledgement of reality. But there is also a sense in which refusing to acknowledge possibility is a kind of captivity.”* What resonates with you the most from the tension mentioned in these two statements?

2 **Read Mark 6:30-44.** What are 2-3 things that stand out to you from this story? Follow up: Why did Jesus tell the disciples, *“You give them something to eat”* instead of just going ahead and providing food for them? How did the disciples respond? How would you have responded in that situation?

3 **TENSION: Ever wonder if Jesus expects too much?** Have you ever wrestled with the tension of knowing you’re supposed to be like Christ and realizing that you can never be like Christ? Share some examples. Follow up: How has this tension of wondering *“if Jesus expects too much”* played out in your life recently?

4 **TRUTHS: Jesus expects us to apply past miracles to present obstacles. Read Mark 6:30.** What does it tell you about their belief system at this point—that they had healed sick people and driven out demons (6:12-13), but didn’t consider a miracle could take place in this situation? Follow up: Rick went on to say, *“We all struggle with spiritual amnesia when it comes to how God has worked in our past. Perhaps that’s why Jesus had them collect the basketfuls of leftovers.”* What was

the point of the leftovers? What has God “put in your basket” recently and how can you apply those miracles to some of your present obstacles? Share some past examples too.

5 **TRUTHS: Jesus expects us to put his presence into practice.** *The disciples counted five loaves and two fish. Jesus was about to teach them to count to eight.* Why do you think Jesus had them distribute the miracle? What lesson did they learn and how can that help you today? Follow up: **Read Romans 4:18-21.** What encouragement do you find from Abraham’s example?

6 **TRUTHS: Jesus expects our availability when facing impossibility.** *We don’t make the miracle, but if we’re available we might get to pass it out.* What stands in the way of you being more available to God and consistently giving him what you have? Follow up: What next step can do you need to take in order to grow in this area?

7 **CONCLUSION:** *This story is not a call to lose sight of reality. This story is a call to keep Jesus in the picture. It is a call to second-guess impossibility. It is a call to never lose your wonder of Jesus!* When have you been tempted to second-guess Jesus as it relates to what’s possible in your life? Follow up: What are some things you can do to make sure you never lose your wonder of Jesus?

