

The Need for Spiritual Food, Compassion and Evangelism

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(Mt. 15:32-39)

1. *The need for spiritual food*

- a. Crowds followed Jesus
- b. Crowds hungered spiritually:
Had gone without food

2. *The need for compassion*

- a. Compassion
involves seeing needs

- b. Compassion
involves the use of resources

- c. Compassion
involves orderly arrangement
- d. Compassion
involves giving all and using all
to meet needs
- e. Compassion
involves giving thanks to God

- f. Compassion
involves saving and preserving

3. *The need for evangelism, for moving on to reach others*

- 1 During those days another large crowd gathered.
Since they had nothing to eat,
Jesus called his disciples to him and said,
- 2 “I have compassion for these people;
they have already been with me three days
and have nothing to eat.
- 3 If I send them home hungry,
they will collapse on the way,
because some of them have come a long distance.”
- 4 His disciples answered,
“But where in this remote place
can anyone get enough bread to feed them?”
- 5 “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked.
“Seven,” they replied.
- 6 He told the crowd to sit down on the ground.
When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks,
he broke them and gave them to his disciples
to set before the people,
and they did so.
- 7 They had a few small fish as well;
he gave thanks for them also
and told the disciples to distribute them.
- 8 The people ate and were satisfied.
Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls
of broken pieces that were left over.
- 9 About four thousand men were present.
And having sent them away.