

Serving Others in Need

Gospel of Mark chapter 8

Orchard Valley Christian Church - Jan 2024



Serving ... Mark 8: 1-6

... again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, He called his disciples to him and said to them: “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now **three days** and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way, And some of them have come from **far away**.” And his disciples answered him, “**How** can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” And He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” ... And He took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, He broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people ...



Serving ... Mark 8: 8-10, 11-13

And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over; seven baskets full. And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away ...

The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, **seeking from him a sign from heaven** to test him. And He sighed deeply in his spirit and said: "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." And He left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side.



Serving ... Mark 8: 14-18

Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. And He cautioned them, saying, “Watch out for **the leaven of the Pharisees** and **the leaven of Herod.**” And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? **Do you not perceive or understand?** Are your hearts hardened? Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember?”



Serving ... Mark 8: 19-21

When I broke the the **five loaves for the five thousand**, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said "Twelve." "And the **seven for the four thousand**, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." And He said to them, "**Do you still not understand?**"



SERVING OTHERS

Goals



Immediate Needs

Feed the Hungry
House the Homeless
Counsel those in Despair
Educate the Ignorant

Serving Others

What are we working on as a church to feed the hungry?



SVMP

Once a year - helping to
feed thousands
Overseas



Servant Partners

Monthly - helping to
feed 60-80 families



City Team

Weekly - feeding 20-30
homeless men + others

Silicon Valley Mobile Pack

210,000



Volunteers



**Packing
Days**



Budget



SERVING OTHERS

Goals

Long-term

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Short-term

Feed the Hungry
House the Homeless
Counsel those in Despair
Educate the Ignorant

SERVING OTHERS - becoming complete

Goals

Long-term

**What is your
definition of
becoming Adult?**



Short-term

**Feed the Hungry
House the Homeless
Counsel those in Despair
Educate the Ignorant**

SERVING OTHERS - being part of the solution not the problem

Goals

Long-term

Self Directed with a healthy sense of self and a concern for others



Short-term

**Feed the Hungry
House the Homeless
Counsel those in Despair
Educate the Ignorant**

SERVING OTHERS - overcoming the challenge of sin

Goals

Long-term

**Mature in Christ
Dependent on God
Serving the Good by
serving God**



Short-term

**Feed the Hungry
House the Homeless
Counsel those in Despair
Educate the Ignorant**

SERVING OTHERS - overcoming the challenge of sin

Goals

Long-term

(Mature in Christ
Dependent on God
Serving the Good)
Put Christ First



Short-term

Feed the Hungry
House the Homeless
Counsel those in Despair
Educate the Ignorant

Serving ... Mark 8: 34-35

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples he said to them, “If anyone **would come after me**, let him **deny himself** and **take up his cross** and **follow me**. For **whoever would save his life will lose it**, but **whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it**. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? **For what can a man give in return for his soul?**



**Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will
last**

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