# COMPASSION IN A DESOLATE PLACE

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## KEY SCRIPTURES

- Mark 8:1-10
- Psalm 22
- Matthew 11:28-30
- John 16:33

## KEY POINTS

- The crowd was with Jesus for 3 days without food. Their desire to be with Him was greater than their desire for food.
- Jesus had compassion on the crowd. Compassion means to co-suffer with someone. Jesus had more than empathy or pity; He suffered with the crowd.
- Jesus gave them what they needed to sustain them on their way home.
- Jesus knows more than anyone else what you are going through because He has compassion for you. He endures your struggles with you.
- Jesus made sure the entire crowd was fed and satisfied. Even when we can't see Jesus from where we are, He still cares deeply for us.
- Being yoked with Jesus is another image of His compassion.
- The compassion of God…
    - Gives our souls rest.
    - Restores our hope.
    - Leads us through the struggle to the cross.
    - Knows we're starving and gives us the Bread of Life to sustain us.
    - Gets us all the way home to Him.
    - Became the Passion of Christ.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time when you felt like you were in a desolate place. Did it feel like God was far away? Are you in a desolate place right now?
2. If compassion is a co-suffering with someone, what would it look like for us to have compassion for others?
3. Jesus cried out with deep lament while hanging on the cross. What keeps you from crying out to God like that in your own prayer times?
4. Spend some extra time in prayer for each other and ask God to reveal how you can have compassion for each other.