

# Faithful Ministry

Matthew 14:13-21

## Compassion

- Jesus heard what had happened,
  - he withdrew
- the crowds followed him on foot

## Compassion

- When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd,
  - he had compassion on them
  - healed their sick.

## Compassion

- As evening approached
  - the disciples came to him and said,
    - This is a remote place and the it's already getting late.
- Send the crowd away
  - so they can buy...food

## Compassion

- Compassion should move us to service.

## Compassion

- Ministry should be holistic.
  - It addresses every aspect of human need, both spiritual and physical.

## Faith

- They do not need to go away.
- You give them something to eat.

## Faith

- We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish.

## Faith

- In many situations, by ourselves, we simply don't have enough.

## Faith

- Jesus will call us to areas of service to increase our faith.

## Faith

- Bring them here to me
  - gave thanks and broke the loaves
  - gave them to the disciples,
    - and the disciples gave them to the people

## Faith

- They all ate and were satisfied
  - the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces
    - five thousand men, besides women and children

## Faith

- We offer what we have to Jesus.
- He is able to multiply our resources.

## Faith

- Emphasis on the person of Christ.
- This is God feeding his people in the wilderness.

## Faith

- We can trust Jesus in whatever he calls us to do.

## Faithful Ministry

- Our ministry should be
  - motivated by compassion
  - holistic
  - rooted in faith in Jesus