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**Study Questions**  
*The Good News About Jesus According to Mark*  
**To Know Him Is To Trust Him**  
**Mark 6:30-56**  
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**Opening Discussion**

1. What do you think of when you think about taking big steps of faith?  
  
What would be an example of a step of faith you've taken?
2. How does God prepare us to take big steps of faith?
3. What do you think is the key to trusting Jesus? In other words, what will determine whether or not you take big steps of faith?
4. Do you agree with the following statement:  
  
Where there is no risk there is no faith? Why or why not?

**Bible Study**

1. Read Mark 6:30-32. How important is it to pull away and rest from the demands of people in our lives?  
  
How do you do this?
2. Read Mark 6:33-44. Why did Jesus say to the disciples, "You give them something to eat"?  
  
What was He trying to teach them?
3. Jesus appears to have done this miracle to teach His disciples a lesson they needed to learn. What was that lesson?
4. Do you think Jesus sometimes purposely puts you in situations that you cannot resolve so that you will learn to trust Him? Share one of these with your group.
5. Read Mark 6:45-52. Did Jesus set His disciples up for another lesson in faith?  
  
Why did they respond as they did when they saw Jesus walking on the water?
6. Mark's comment in Mark 6:52 makes it clear that Mark wanted the story of the feeding of the 5,000 to be studied with the story of Jesus walking on the water.  
  
How was the first miracle meant to prepare them for the second?

7. Can you think of a time when God put you in a situation where you had to trust Him? What did you learn from that experience?

In what way did that prepare you for yet a bigger step of faith God might ask you to take?

8. Why is it important to learn and grow in our faith each time God demonstrates His power and faithfulness?
9. Read Mark 6:53-56. Is there anything in your life that is too big for Jesus? Is there anything He can't do? Is there any reason why you wouldn't trust Him to be faithful?

## **Application**

1. In what ways has God been faithful to you in the past? Has He given you any reason not to trust Him? Does Jesus lack the power to address your situation?
2. What big step of faith is God asking you to take?
3. What have you learned in the past that will help you to take this big step of faith tomorrow?
4. Pray for one another that God would teach each of us what it means to trust Him so that we are willing to take big steps of faith.