

**Sermon-Based Questions for November 13, 2016**  
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**“Engaging a Culture in Need of Hope”**  
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**Read Mark 6:7-12, 30-44**

1. Mark 6:32-35 says that Jesus had compassion on the people because “they were like sheep without a shepherd.” Matthew, in chapter 9:36, adds the words “harassed and helpless”. In what ways do we see people in our own culture experience this sense of being harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd?
2. When the disciples encouraged Jesus to send the people away to eat, Jesus told them to give the people something to eat. Why do you suppose Jesus responded this way? How did he involve them?
3. How might he want to involve us in meeting the needs of the people around us?

**Read Acts 3**

4. What is striking about this encounter between Peter & John and the man begging at the temple gate?
5. What did Peter and John see as this man's greatest need, and how might this relate to the needs of people we encounter everyday?
6. How is the message of the gospel relevant to the needs of people in our spheres of influence today?

**BLESS QUESTIONS**

This week we'll be focusing on the “E” of BLESS, which is “Eating.” I'm all in on this one! After praying and listening, we want to find ways to slow down and “be with them.” There's probably no better way to do that than sharing a coffee or meal together.

1. Scripture says that “The Son of Man came... not to be served but to serve (Mark 10:45) and to seek and save the lost” (Luke 19:10), but Scripture also says “he came eating and drinking” (Luke 7:34). The first two statements explain why Jesus came. Only the third is a statement of method. What can we learn from Jesus' method?
2. What role can eating play in building relationships with others? Why is it effective?
3. Share some stories of how eating together has built bridges with people in your life?
4. Do you eat alone, or, do you eat with others? This week, try eating with others as much as you can to share life and build relationships.
5. Brainstorm together creative ways you can “eat and drink” with those that don't know the Lord.