

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## *How to Meet Our Needs*

The Gospel of Mark - Week 37

**ICEBREAKER:** Are you superstitious? Give an example.

**OVERVIEW:** All of us have needs, or things that we must have in order to avoid severe hardship. Emotional needs. Relational needs. Physical needs. Financial needs. Spiritual needs. So how do we meet these needs? There are some bad solutions, and we've probably all tried them. And there is the Biblical solution. That's what we want to focus on today. What is the Biblical way to meet our needs? Let's dig deeper into Mark 8:1-10.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read Exodus 15:22-27.
  - a. What happened at the Red Sea? Why is that significant for this story?
  - b. What did the people need in this situation?
  - c. What did the people do wrong to meet their need? What should they have done instead?
  - d. What does verse 25 teach us about God?
  - e. Verse 27 says that God was leading them to a place of abundant nourishment all along, and all they had to do was be patient and wait on His timing. What does lesson teach us about how to respond when we find ourselves in a place of need?

3. Read Mark 8:1-10. The sermon mentioned two bad solutions to meet our needs: Turning to sin, and turning to self. Give an example of turning to sin and turning to self to meet our needs? Why are these bad solutions?
4. Do you recall a time in your past when you turned to sin or to self to meet your needs? If so, explain. How did it turn out? What do you wish you would have done instead?
5. In the sermon it was stated that Jesus is willing and able to meet our needs, no matter how great. Do you believe that? Explain.
6. There are two ways to rely on Jesus to meet our needs: Pray and obey. Why is prayer necessary for Jesus to meet our needs? How is your prayer life, and what do you need to do to grow in this area?
7. Why is obedience necessary for Jesus to meet our needs? How is your obedience to Christ, and what do you need to do to grow in this area?
8. Is there a special need in your life that our Home Group can pray for right now?

**The Last Word:** "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19