

## What Would Jesus Say. . .about the Church?

### Message Summary

We label ourselves as Jesus followers with the implication being that we live in the way of Jesus. Given his life and ministry what might Jesus say us about living his way? What would Jesus say to the Church?

### Engaging the Word

What are some things that stood out to you in the sermon? Things you specifically related to? Things you didn't understand? Any new insight you are taking away?

Read Matthew 14:13-21

1. How would you describe what is happening in these verses?
2. What event happened just before these verses? How do you think Jesus would have been feeling at this time?
3. In spite of how he was feeling how did Jesus respond to the crowds that had followed him (v14)? What does this mean and why do you think this was Jesus' response?
4. What would it look like for us to respond in a similar way to those that are searching for God (both inside and outside the Church)?

### Engaging the Heart

Ray outlined several different points that the Church should be about. Pick two or three and tell why you think it is significant for the Church to be concerned about these things.

- Unwavering Focus
- Fearless Authenticity
- Unconditional Hospitality
- Uncomfortable Diversity
- Agenda Free Relationships
- Embraced Inconvenience
- Compassionate Activism
- Deliberate Celebration

Can you think of anything that should be added to this list?

### Engaging our World

As you conclude your time spend the next few moments reflecting on the Church. Spend some time thinking about how the Church is perceived by those outside. Why do you think that is? How can we as the Church move beyond the bad reputation? Ask God to show you how He could use you to help bring about that change.