

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

Jesus feeds the crowd again. Like He fed the people in the wilderness day after day. Mark tells us that it was *because He had compassion on them*. He fills them until they are all satisfied. This is our compassionate and loving God—Jesus who is the Christ.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## Sunday

**READ Mark 8:1-9; Second Corinthians 4:5-7; 12:9-10; First Corinthians 2:1-5; Psalm 81:1-16.** DISCUSS How does the sufficiency of Christ comfort you? How are you most likely to doubt Christ's ability or willingness to be all that you need? How can you encourage others to trust Christ completely? **SERVE** someone in need. **MEDITATE** on **Colossians 3:1-4**. **PRAY** "Jesus, thank You for caring for us and meeting our needs. Enable us to be compassionate to others."

## Monday

**READ Mark 8:1-9; Second Corinthians 4:5-7; Psalm 81:1-16.** DISCUSS How does Christ's surpassing power enable us to withstand all the attacks of the evil one? What keeps you from accessing that power? **SERVE** someone with the love of Christ! **MEDITATE** on **Colossians 3:1-4**. **PRAY**, "Jesus, You alone are sufficient for us in this fallen world. Please enable us to look to You with joyful gratitude for all that we need."

## Tuesday

**READ Mark 8:1-9; Second Corinthians 12:9-10; Psalm 81:1-16.** DISCUSS How does Christ's sufficiency free us to boast in our weakness? **SERVE** by considering someone else's needs *above your own!* **MEDITATE** on **Colossians 3:1-4**. **PRAY**, "Lord God, You know all of our needs and have provided for us with super abundance. Teach us to receive joyfully from You instead of seeking our strength elsewhere. Enable us to rely upon You and be content with the good things You have lovingly provided us."

### Wednesday

READ **Mark 8:1-9; First Corinthians 2:1-5; Psalm 81:1-16**. DISCUSS How does your faith rest on the power of God? How are you praying for others at FCCW? MEDITATE on **Colossians 3:1-4**. PRAY, “Lord, thank You for providing all that we need. Help us to praise You and delight in Your sustaining love.”

### Thursday

READ **Mark 8:1-9; Psalm 81:1-16**. DISCUSS How does Jesus feed us in His Word? Why do we so often look to other means as if His Word was not enough? How can you repent today for dissatisfaction with Christ? SERVE by demonstrating God’s tenderness! MEDITATE on **Colossians 3:1-4**. PRAY, “Jesus, thank You for Your provision. You are enough. Forgive us for our lust for more. Teach our hearts contentment and joy in You alone.”

### Friday

READ **Mark 8:1-9; Second Corinthians 4:5-7; 12:9-10; First Corinthians 2:1-5; Psalm 81:1-16**. DISCUSS How has the Holy Spirit been guiding you *this week through these passages*? MEDITATE on **Colossians 3:1-4**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *be content with Christ*.

### Saturday

PREPARE for *gathered worship tomorrow*. READ **Mark 8:1-38**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for Sunday School at **9:00** and the **10:30** worship service. Ask Jesus to *especially knit us together in the unity we have in Him*.

## Meditate on Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.