

Cell notes 19 July 2015 Theme: 'Jesus the Shepherd-King'

Keywords: Shepherd, Messiah, New Moses, Healer, Hunger, Compassion, the Cross, David, Kingdom of God vs. Kingdom of death etc

WELCOME

What have you been up to this week, how goes it with your soul?

WORSHIP

Read or Sing Psalm 23

Pray. Give thanks and ask God the good Shepherd to lead and nourish you in this meeting.

WORD

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

- What struck you about worship this past Sunday?
- At the beginning of today's story the twelve disciples return from their mission of casting out evil spirits (see Mark 6: 7-13). Upon their return they gathered around Jesus, and told Him all that they had done. Jesus said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while" (Mk. 6: 30-31). As a follower of Jesus how do you deal with weariness?
- The verses you read are part of the story about Jesus feeding the 5000 in the wilderness in the same way that God fed the Israelites with manna in the wilderness. What images of Jesus come to mind when you read this story?
- How does the feeding of the 5000 relate to Psalm 23?
- When the disciples called Jesus' attention to the need to provide food for the crowd, he told them, "You give them something to eat" (Mk. 6: 37). What does this say to us as disciples of Jesus?
- What is the relationship between 'bread' and the Kingdom of God?

Works

- Buy bread or a meal for a poor person.
- Show compassion to someone who needs it.