**A. Introduction**

1. The vastness of God’s compassion on mankind’s physical needs is clearly seen in this section.
   a. God’s provision for their physical needs was meant to point them to God’s provision for their spiritual needs.

**B. vs 10-11a The Compassion of God in our Need for Rest**

1. Why did Jesus desire to take the apostles aside for a time of rest? (see also Mark 6:30-31)
2. What do we learn about God’s design for sleep in Ps. 127:2?
   a. God’s gift of sleep should be a daily reminder that we are not God. *Ps. 121:4*
   b. If we don’t get enough sleep because we are working a lot, what does that say about our understanding of God?

**C. vs 11a-b The Compassion of God in our Need for Truth**

1. How did Jesus respond to the multitude when they interrupted their retreat? (see also Mark 6:34)
   a. What did Jesus speak to the multitude about? What was His primary concern?

**D. vs 11c The Compassion of God in our Need for Healing**

1. How did Jesus respond to those who were suffering & hurting?
   a. What are some examples, in modern society, of God’s compassion on those with physical ailments?

**E. vs 12-17 The Compassion of God in our Need for Daily Food**

1. How did Jesus respond to the crowd’s need for food?
   a. What proof is there that God cares about man’s need to eat?
2. What was the effect of this miracle? *John 6:14-15*
   a. Why did the people want to make Jesus King? *John 6:16-15*
3. Jesus’ demonstration of compassion for their physical need was to show them their greater need.
   a. What do we need more than physical rest?
   b. What do we need more than physical healing?
   c. What do we need more than physical bread?

**F. Conclusion**

1. How should believers respond to this miracle?
   a. How did David respond in Ps. 103:1-5?
2. What response to this miracle did Jesus desire from the unbelievers who were present? *John 6:48-51*
   a. What is your response?