

MIRACLES OF JESUS

Week #12: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Matthew 14:13-21 – "Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children."

- 1. Welcome / introductions
- 2. "Where are you at (spiritually, emotionally, physically, mentally) this week?"
- 3. Read the passage above:
 - a. "What does this miracle tell us about Jesus?"
 - b. "What does this miracle tell us about the relationship between Jesus and those who witnessed the miracle?
 - c. What impact did this miracle have on those witnesses?
 - d. "How does this miracle speak to your current situation?"
- 4. Read the passage together one more time:
 - a. "How can we pray for each other this week?"
 - b. "How can we support each other this week?"
- 5. Close meeting in prayer (specifically discussing what was shared in last question)