

OPENING QUESTIONS:

What is something that God has challenged you with lately?
How has your faith been tested?

READ John 5:1-22. Describe the scene. (What does your sanctified imagination see/hear?)

Jesus feeds more than 5000 people that day - even though the Bible says 5000 men, how many people could have been there?

4 THINGS we can learn at least four things from this miracle.

We Learn more about Jesus' Compassion: Jesus' Feeding of the five thousand reminds us of Jesus' compassion for His people. The Bible says He had been traveling and healing people - which is indicative of His compassion. Now He knows people are hungry.

This scenario of Jesus feeding 5,000 people reminds us of the fact that Jesus is the Lord that saves His Church. His compassion is so boundless that He can even cure our everyday hunger. And later the Bible tells us He gave His life for His children to be able to be reconciled with the Father.

Jesus Uses Other People to Bless Others: Jesus asked His disciples to find food to feed the mass. Andrew found a boy who had five loaves of bread and two fish.

Andrew would have been forever credited for having amazing faith - Who would have ever thought that 5 loaves and 2 fishes would ever be enough. Apparently NOT Andrew, because he said... "but what are they for so many?"

Jesus Is Big Enough for Any Expectation: Jesus meets expectations. He is ultimate. This means that Jesus provides every need and He exceeds.

We are reminded about this in [John 1:3](#), as stated, "All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."

But He also **Exceeds every Expectation** There were 12 baskets left over!
Talk about ways that Jesus has exceeded your expectations.

Nothing We Face Here on Earth Is Too Big for God:

There is no great obstacle that we cannot face because we have God.

God is always larger than everything, especially our obstacles.

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What is an obstacle that you are facing that you need to be reminded that God is BIGGER than?

TAKE TIME TO PRAY: Pray for the hearts and emotions of people all around you today. Pray that God would use you to show them where your peace comes from.

Pray for wisdom for world leaders. Thank God for His covenant love for Israel.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Encourage your group to collect items for **COVER the COMMUNITY** an outreach to the refugees we can impact with winter clothing and undergarments!

Collection will only be until **October 29th!**

EXTRA READING: Read the rest of JOHN 6 this week!

Encourage the group to get to it on their own in their personal time with God.