



# Invitations to Dinner with Jesus

*video course by Bishop Joe*



## Session Three: Invitation to feast in a desert

### Bible Study Leaders Guide

#### Welcome and Prayer

5 min

Welcome everyone and invite a moment of stillness.

Opening Prayer (or adapt as needed):

*Almighty God, who in your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry and revealed your kingdom, be with us now as we open your word together. Give us the grace to trust in your provision and serve you with generous hearts. Amen.*

#### Watch the Video

8 min

Play Bishop Joe's 8-minute video (or read aloud the transcript if video isn't available).

#### Initial Reflections

5 min

- What stood out to you from Bishop Joe's message?

#### Scripture Reading

5 min

Read Luke 9:10-17 aloud.

#### Discussion Questions

25 min

- Bishop Joe describes this as a story of God's generosity. What examples of God's generosity can you see in your own life?
- Why do you think Jesus says, "You give them something to eat"?
- How might the disciples have felt being asked to feed such a large crowd with so little?
- Bishop Joe suggests we are invited not just to the feast, but to serve at it. What might that look like in your life or community?
- What "loaves and fish" (gifts, time, resources) might you offer to God, even if they feel small?
- Bishop Joe compares Jesus to Elijah and Moses. What makes Jesus greater than both in this story?
- How does recognising Jesus as the Messiah — the one who provides abundantly — shape the way you approach your needs, your service, or your faith?

## **Prayer Response**

5-15 min

Take some time to respond in prayer. Below are a few suggestions of different ways you could invite your group to respond in prayer. Pick one that is most appropriate for your group or pray to close your time together as you normally would.

### **Daily Prayer**

Pray together the appropriate daily office which can be found at <https://daily.commonworship.com> or on the Fruitful App.

### **Praying with the Imagination - An Ignatian Prayer**

Ignatian prayer invites us to enter into the Gospel story with our imagination — to see, hear, and feel what's happening as if we were there. It's a way of meeting Jesus personally in Scripture. Re-read the bible passage aloud again slowly and invite people to consider:

- Where are you in the crowd?
- What do you see around you — the people, the landscape, the food?
- What do you hear Jesus saying?
- How do you feel when he says, "You give them something to eat"?
- What do you want to say to him?

As the story unfolds, give space for people and encourage them to speak to Jesus as they would to a friend and listen for his response.

### **Songs of Praise**

Respond in a time of sung praise using songs of your choice, or consider the following songs:

- You've Already Won (Shane & Shane).
- Good Good Father (Chris Tomlin).
- Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer - Modern or Traditional versions
- Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven - Modern or Traditional versions

### **Pray in Colour: Luke 9:12-17**

Praying in colour is a simple, creative way to connect with God through drawing and colouring. Start by re-reading Luke 9:10-17 aloud before playing some quiet music and invite people to draw/colour with their thoughts and prayers in response to the passage using blank paper or the printable doodle on the following page.

*Jesus, I offer you my time, my energy, my small gifts*



*Today, I choose to join you in your work*