



Matthew 14:1-23

Getting Started

In a recent year, one area church's annual Lutefisk Dinner served over 2,000 people which included 1700 lbs of lutefisk, 880 lbs of potatoes, 925 lbs of rutabagas, and 464 dozen lefse. That's a lot of food! But what is the largest meal you remember participating in? Was it a wedding reception, or a banquet? Did you ever think about how much food it took, or how many people were involved, etc?.

Discussion

What are two or three key takeaways that impacted you or which you intend to practice or strengthen?

What, if any, connection do you feel there is between what you think might be Jesus' emotional state going into vs. 13-23 and how he responded? What can you learn from that?

Do you sense any tension between the disciples and Jesus in this story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand? If so, can you identify it and discuss why?

In vs. 18 Jesus says five words (NIV), "Bring them here to me," referring to the only available sustenance. Knowing what he did with what everyone thought was ridiculously insufficient, to what in your life, might he be saying those words? How does that encourage you?

Prayer

Who has a need they would like the Group to pray for? How about a story from this past week of victory and praise?

As you go

Read John 6 this week, and meditate on the great truth of Jesus' metaphor and its ramifications in your personal life.

