

MIRACLE MAN

Miracle Man – Week 7

The Main Concept – John 6:1-15 Feeding of the 5000

Pray as you begin your group. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak into your group through God's Word and through each other. Read the passage and take a few minutes to quietly consider what it has to say to you and your group.

In the 7th installment of the sermon series on Jesus' miracles, Simon spoke this week on the miracle of the feeding of the 5000 (which was actually is closer to 20,000 when the women and children are counted). It is an amazing miracle that shows us how Jesus cared for the crowds that followed him. It also shows us that he can take what we see as a limitation and use it to meet the impossible. What limits you and puts a gap between you and him? What has God asked of you to do and you thought it was impossible? The disciple Philip thought it wasn't possible to feed the crowd even with 7 months of a yearly salary at that time and Andrew didn't think the boy's lunch would do anything to help. However, Jesus knew otherwise and everyone there was fed with 12 baskets to spare. What God can do with your little, he can bridge the gap and turn into enough.

Discussion Questions:

What are your thoughts/feelings from the sermon this week?

- Did God teach you something new or challenge you in any way?

The crowds followed Jesus and they were hungry for various things that they thought Jesus could give them. Some wanted to be entertained, or gain knowledge, or to be healed, fed, or even led by a new king.

- What are you hungry for from Jesus? (look at your prayer life)

Read vs 6 again. It says that Jesus "tests" Phillip when He asked Philip where they could get bread to feed everyone. Jesus did this to deliberately force Philip to confess that he did not believe it was possible.

- Has God ever asked you to do something that you felt was beyond your abilities?
- How did you react?
- Talk about the often quoted belief "God will not give people more than they can handle" in light of this passage.

Andrew presented the poor boy's lunch of 5 loaves and 2 fish to Jesus with little or no faith as he said in vs 9 "... but what are they for so many?"

- Do you feel that what you have to offer is too little to help?
- Have you ever offered what you felt was too little, yet gave it in faith and watched it multiply by God? If so, tell us that story.

Through this miracle, Jesus reveals his divinity, teaches his disciples more about God and him, and has compassion on the crowd.

- When Jesus works in your life and provides for you, does this help shape your view of him more as who he really is; the Lord of your life?
- Does it cause you to repent for not seeing him correctly?
- What caused you to see him not as you should in the first place?

Skip forward and close your group tonight discussing John 6:48-51