



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 14:13-21” on January 10th

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from Matthew 13:53-14:12 affect your week?

DISCOVER: MATTHEW 14:13-21

- What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?
- How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.)?

SATAN'S DECEPTION: I see needs all around me that bother me, but what can I do? I am overwhelmed! I'm too small, too insignificant to make a difference; I can't engage! GOD'S TRUTH: God multiplies what we do together to address needs around us, and He has chosen us, called us, and commissioned us to engage in bringing about transformation.

- What specific needs/situations do you see in your community/neighborhood that overwhelm you, and how can you engage in action to affect change?
- After hearing this week's message, are you comfortable in setting those needs aside for someone else to resolve, or are you hearing God call you to take a first step even if it isn't convenient for you?
- With whom could you engage or partner to take that step toward addressing the overwhelming needs and trusting God to multiply your efforts?

In the story of feeding the 5,000, what the disciples saw as a problem was what Jesus saw as His purpose.

- In regard to the poverty in our communities do you find yourself taking the disciples' perspective or Jesus' perspective?
- Jason said that “God's people step into moments of inconvenience and deliver who He is;” what is holding you back from stepping into those moments of inconvenience?

Jesus asked the disciples to bring what loaves and fish they had to Him, and He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to the disciples to deliver. God provided abundantly! We are called and commissioned to 'give Jesus the bread', and DELIVER.

- What gifts and abilities do you have to offer in answering Jesus' commission to deliver?
- What would it take for you to trust God to lead you in engaging the 85-90% of our community who have not found hope in Jesus?
- As a church, CU is committed to seeing problems as our purpose, and engaging in encouraging change; what part can you commit to play in that mission?

RESPOND

What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

Pray for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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KEEP READING

John 6:1-59 where Jesus connects the miracle of the 5,000 to who He is.