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## MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 6 | Go Above Ground

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1. In this message, Joel asked if you had to choose one, would you choose a Chick-Fil-A Chicken Sandwich or a Popeyes Chicken Sandwich? Which one did you pick & give some reasons why.
2. Nowadays, you can get a chicken sandwich just about anywhere. So when Popeyes came out with their version in 2019, it would have been easy to think, *do we really need another chicken sandwich?* In 2010 (before our campus opened), it would have been just as easy to say Rehoboth doesn't need another church... there's already 20 around us! But after hearing this message, why do you think it was important for Bay Shore to open its doors to serve Rehoboth.
3. In this message, Joel said *Bay Shore is here to create an environment where people grow & the unchurched love to go.* What does that mean to you & how have you experienced that in our church?
4. Joel said that a core value for Bay Shore is *if you want to reach people no one else is reaching, you've got to do things no one else is doing.* In what ways have you experienced that in our church?
5. Read Matthew 14:13-15. What was Jesus' first reaction when He saw the huge crowd? What did the disciples want to do with the huge crowd? How do these two approaches differ?
6. The disciples 1st instinct was to *send away* the morally & physically sick crowd while Jesus had compassion on them. Have you ever felt uncomfortable with someone at church because you know their behavior? How could you approach that situation with more compassion?
7. Read Matthew 14:16-21. Jesus included his disciples in a great miracle by having them give what they had. How can giving at Bay Shore make you a part of something great?
8. This message kicked off the next chapter for our church as we started the *Go Above Ground* campaign to raise funds for a bigger future space so we can reach more people. What makes you excited about that?

**FROM THE BIBLE**  
Matthew 14:13-21 (NLT)

9. Joel closed this message by reading some thoughts he wrote down called, *I dream of a church*. At the end he said, *if you choose to give to the Go Above Ground campaign...that dream can become real*. What makes you excited to give to this campaign? What makes it hard for you to give to this campaign?
  
10. Joel said, *Jesus does the biggest miracles when we give outside of our comfort zone*. Discuss that statement and how it ties to Matthew 14:13-21 & giving to the Go Above Ground Campaign.