

# THE GOSPELS

## The Feeding of the Five Thousand

**Matthew 14:13-14 (NIV)** “When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.”

**Matthew 14:15-18 (NIV)** “As evening approached, the disciples came to [Jesus] and said, ‘This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.’ <sup>16</sup>Jesus replied, ‘They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.’ <sup>17</sup>‘We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,’ they answered. <sup>18</sup>‘Bring them here to me,’ he said.”

**Matthew 14:19-21 (NIV)** “And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup>The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.”

### Five Lessons from the Feeding of the Five Thousand

#### 1. God cares about our pain.

**Matthew 14:13 (NIV)** “When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.”

**Mark 6:31-32 (NIV)** “Then, because so many people were coming and going that [Jesus and the disciples] did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, ‘Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.’ <sup>32</sup>So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.”

**Matthew 14:14 (NIV)** “When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.”

#### 2. Everybody gets to play.

**Matthew 14:15 (NIV)** “As evening approached, the disciples came to [Jesus] and said, ‘This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.’”

**Mark 6:37 (NIV)** “But he answered, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said to him, ‘That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?’”

**Matthew 14:16-18 (NIV)** “Jesus replied, ‘They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.’ <sup>17</sup>‘We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,’ they answered. <sup>18</sup>‘Bring them here to me,’ he said.”

#### 3. Give Thanks for the small things.

**Matthew 14:19<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.”

#### 4. God can do the impossible.

**Matthew 14:19-20 (NIV)** “Then he gave [the loaves and fish] to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.”

#### 5. Everything rises and falls on our relationship with the Father.

**Matthew 14:22-23<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup>After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.”

**Colossians 1:29 (NIV)** “To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.”

## **Steps to Grow Spiritually at Centerpoint:**

### **CONNECTION CLASS**

Sunday, April 24th, 12PM – CP LIVE

### **BAPTISM CLASS**

Sunday, May 22nd, 12:00PM – CP LIVE

### **MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

Sunday, May 29th, 12:00PM – CP LIVE

### **CHRISTIAN BASICS 1**

Tuesday, September 11th, 9:15AM – Building C, C1

### **CHRISTIAN BASICS 2**

**3 weeks left**, March 20th, 9:15AM – Building C, C1

### **CHRISTIAN BASICS 3**

Sunday, May 1st, 9:15AM – Building C, C1

### **THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS 2**

**THIS SUNDAY**, March 27th, 10:45AM – Colton Woman’s Club

### **EVANGELISM CLASS**

Wednesday, July 13th, 6:30PM – Church office