

Sermon Discussion Questions | **Series:** Matthew Part 4: Week 7

Date: November 20 & 22, 2026 I **Passage:** Matthew 15:32-16:12

BIG IDEA: Don't let idolatry keep you from feasting on the Bread of Life.

Icebreaker: Have you ever experienced God provide for you, answer a prayer, or do something impossible, only to struggle to trust Him when facing a different trial?

Read Matthew 15:32-16:12 together.

Observe: What does the Scripture say?

Q1: What similarities and differences do you notice between the feeding of the 4,000 (Matthew 15:32-39) and the feeding of the 5,000 (Matthew 14:13-21)?

Q2: In Matthew 16:1-4, what do the Pharisees and Sadducees ask Jesus to do? How does Jesus respond to their demand?

Q3: In Matthew 16:5-12, how do the disciples interpret Jesus's warning concerning leaven? What does Jesus want them to understand?

Understand: What does it mean?

Q4: Jesus uses the imagery of bread to describe Himself as the ultimate source of provision. What do the feeding miracles teach us about Jesus as the Bread of Life?

Q5: Why does Jesus point the religious leaders to the sign of Jonah rather than performing another miracle? What does the sign of Jonah ultimately point toward?

Q6: In verses 5-12, Jesus connects leaven with the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Why is leaven an appropriate picture for the influence of false teaching and unbelief?

Respond: How should we live?

Q7: Where might your idols be keeping you from trusting in Jesus right now?

Q8: What might it look like for you to depend on Jesus more fully this week rather than looking elsewhere to satisfy your deepest needs?

Close by praying together, asking God to help you recognize Jesus as sufficient, trust His provision, and guard against the subtle influence of idolatry and unbelief.