

BEYOND

Beyond Limits

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

*6 After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias).² A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick.³ Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples.⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.⁵ Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, *said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?"⁶ This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.⁷ Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little."⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, *said to Him,⁹ "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?"¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted. **John 6:1-11***

This message about Jesus feeding 5,000+ people is a reminder that Jesus is big enough to do what seems impossible. As you think about your life and what God is calling you to do, remember that Jesus is big enough to see you through the impossible situations in your life.

Key Points

1. Don't be limited by your limitations.
2. Don't limit others based on your limitations.

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Pastor Dre said that we shouldn't be limited by our limitations. What seemingly impossible obstacles are standing in front of you right now?
- Does the way you react to difficult situations reflect the strength of your faith? Can your response in the midst of trials influence non-Christians who may be observing your life?

Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

Like the disciples, we feel ill prepared and overwhelmed—maybe we are right where Jesus wants me to be. Do you agree? Explain.

- Talk about your specific situation (health problems, financial problems, relationship problems, etc). What did you do and how did you get through it? Did you turn to God?

Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Have you ever experienced a time when God provided more than you needed?
- What is the faith lesson that Phillip and Andrew along with the other disciples learned on that day? Is there a lesson for you to learn through the story of this miracle?

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- I will bow before Jesus for who he truly is, rather than making him into something he is not.
- Make a list of impossible things in your life that you want to surrender to Jesus. The list might include the name of a person who needs to believe in Jesus as their Savior, or a dollar amount that would get you out of debt, a dream to do something big for God and his Kingdom. Make a commitment to pray daily over your list.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Make a commitment to pray daily over your list.
- Pray for people to follow Jesus because he is the Son of God not because he is a miracle worker?

Dinner Discussion

- When the crowd identifies Jesus as "the Prophet," who might they be thinking of? Read Deuteronomy 18:15. How is Moses a foreshadow of Jesus and what he is to do for all mankind?
- What kind of food did God provide to people through the ministry of Moses? Read Exodus 16:4-5 & 31.

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over online.

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