

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 1-17-24
Matthew Chapter 13 Part 8 into Chapter 14 Part 2

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

1) We saw Jesus in Nazareth: Matthew 13:53-58

- a) Jesus in the synagogue teaching.
- b) They only knew Jesus in the flesh.
- c) Their root problem – unbelief.

2) John the Baptist' death: Matthew 14:1-12

- a) Herod Antipas the “tetrarch”
- b) John called him out for his sin.
- c) John gave his life for what he believed in.

3) The reality of rejection:

b. Taking a look ahead:

1) How would you have responded if John the Baptist was your close friend?

2. Jesus desired a solitary place. Matthew 14:13-14

a. It isn't solitary for long if at all:

1) Jesus withdraws to a quiet place.

b. Jesus is being followed:

1) The people followed Him on foot. Verse.13

2) If you are Jesus, what do you do?

3) How do you know what to do?

a) RESPOND!

c. Jesus loves the people:

1) Jesus comes to shore and sees a great multitude.

2) Real people with real problems in need of real help.

3) “and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.” Verse 14

a) “moved with compassion” – to have ones inner being stirred.

4) Imagine each passing moment here.

5) What a day!

3. Do we really believe that 5,000 were fed? Matthew 14:15-21

a. Is this how large the multitude was?

1) Verse 15 –

a) What should the disciples have learned as they watched Him heal the sick?

b. Feeding the 5,000:

1) Recorded in all 4 gospels.

c. Observations from this familiar story:

1) How often do moments like this come into our lives?

2) Jesus is modeling servant leadership.

3) Being what you have and let God do the rest.

4) What might the disciples be thinking as the food is brought to Jesus?

5) How much did the people know about what was going on?

d. This is a test to see if your faith is growing.

1) John 6:5-6 –

2) Verse 15 – we are in a desert place.

3) Jesus told them – “give ye them to eat” –

4) Mark 6:35-44 – what do you have?

a) A powerful yet scary question, isn't it?

b) The amount of food is only noted by us, not Jesus.

5) Jesus told the people to sit down. Was that a step of faith?

6) So how many people were there? Verse 21 –

7) What about those baskets?

4. Tonight's Take Away:

a. Being willing and ready to serve – meet needs.

1) When Jesus departed there was a reason and yet that reason was interrupted by the multitude.

b. This miracle, a test for Philip and probably others as well. John 6:5-6