

## Community Group Discussion Guide

### Step 01: Recap of this week's message.

**Note:** Read through the message outline with everyone briefly. You can stop and make comments as you see fit or read straight through it. Make sure you take time to read through the main text.

**Message Title:** Don't Forget the Leftovers

**Main Text:** Mark 6:35-52

#### Message Outline:

In this text we find two miracles that are often taught separately but actually happen back to back—the feeding of the 5,000 and Jesus walking on water and calming the storm. While there is much to pull from these stories, ultimately we see that Jesus is more than enough, his presence is our provision, and what he's already done should remind us of what he's capable to do again.

(Mark 6:35-38)

*Multiplication ends when the withholding ends.*

- It is easy to hold onto what we have when we only have a little to begin with, but if we will put what we have in Jesus' hands, he can break it, bless it, and multiply it.

(Mark 6:42-44)

*Jesus is not just enough, he is more than enough.*

- Not only did everyone eat till they were "satisfied", there were 12 baskets of leftovers.

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(Mark 6:45-48)

*Jesus knows what you need before you know what you need.*

- While the disciples were struggling to row against the wind Jesus saw them from a distance.

(Mark 6:48-51)

*When Jesus shows up miraculously, the storm shuts down instantly*

- Jesus speaks to the disciples, but his very presence in the boat calms the raging storm.

(Mark 6:51-52)

*What God did yesterday reminds you of what he will do tomorrow.*

### Step 02: Lead group discussion.

**Note:** Do your best to keep the discussion going. Make sure you have read through the questions beforehand and are primed with thoughts of your own. Make everyone get specific with *how* they will apply this message in their own lives and in community—*no vague ideas allowed!*

#### Specific to this week's message:

1. While this is a well-known passage, was there anything that stuck out to you reading it this time? Anything that Pastor Dan highlighted that was new to you?
2. In the feeding of the 5,000 Jesus clearly wants his disciples to participate in the miracle. Have you ever had a time that a prayer request became an invitation for you to participate in what God was already doing?

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3. The miracle is predicated by one little boy offering what seemed like *not nearly enough*. Do you believe that *not enough* in Jesus hands can become *more than enough*? Do you ever find yourself wanting to cling tightly to the little you have left?
4. When Jesus approaches the disciples in the middle of the storm, they can't recognize him (yet). Jesus is often working on our behalf before we realize it. Have you experienced this? Share with the group. How can we as followers of Jesus be more aware of when he's working in our lives?
5. The bible points out that the disciples did not understand the miracle of the loaves and that their hearts were hardened. How often do you reflect on what God has already done in your life? How does this practice posture us for what God might do next?

### General questions:

6. How did this message encourage you? How did it convict you?
7. What is your plan for applying this message to your personal/daily life?
8. What might it look like for us to live this out in community?
9. Was there anything about this message that stood out to you?