

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when JESUS heard this, HE withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by HIMSELF. But when the crowds heard it, they followed HIM on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When HE went ashore, HE saw a great crowd; and HE had compassion for them and cured their sick.

¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to HIM and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

¹⁶ JESUS said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

¹⁸ And HE said, "Bring them here to ME." ¹⁹ Then HE ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, HE looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 14:13-21

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
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YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT

MORE THAN ENOUGH

RECOGNIZING HUMAN DIGNITY

THREE POINTS OF THE MIRACLE

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COMPASSION

EVEN WITH OUR SMALL OFFERINGS

Memory Verse: Matthew 14:16

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QUESTIONS FOR STUDY

Getting Started

- 1) What was your attitude/mind-set when you entered worship this week? What was it when you left worship? What most contributed to that change?
- 2) What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find most helpful, eye opening, or troubling? Explain.

Into the Bible

- 3) Read Isaiah 55:1-5. Who are the "thirsty" and those "who have no money"? What need is GOD really promising to address? How might the nation of Israel be a witness to the world?
- 4) Read Romans 9:1-5. Why does Paul say that he wishes he was cursed? What list does Paul give as evidence of GOD'S presence with the people of Israel? What important thing does Paul state about who JESUS is?

- 5) Read Matthew 14:13-21. Why did the crowds seek out JESUS? Where did the disciples see their responsibility to the crowd ending? Where did JESUS? What limited the disciples? What did JESUS' actions demonstrate?

Application to Life

- 6) In what ways do we limit GOD today? Why do we do that? What is the source of those limitations? What might those limitations keep us from accomplishing? Would GOD want us to accomplish these things? Why or why not?
- 7) What examples can you give from your own life of GOD'S great accomplishments? What do those things suggest to you about GOD'S possibilities? If you were to really dream big, what would you like to see our congregation accomplish?
- 8) Where do you sense GOD calling you to serve? What resources has GOD given you to help in this effort? What holds you back from pursuing this goal? What does GOD promise to you as you seek to serve?
- 9) What do you sense GOD is saying to you based on this study?