

LESSONS FROM THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000

Mark 6:30-44

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Other than the story of the feeding of the 5,000, what are some Bible stories you would have loved to have experienced as an eye-witness?
 - Which character do you most identify with in the story you just mentioned? Why do you think that's true?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Jason introduced us to four different sets of characters in this passage, each with a unique type of faith.**

Four Types Of Faith:

1. **The Faith of the Crowd: A Convenient Faith (Mark 6:33 and John 6:2)**

- The crowd was following after Jesus based on what He could do for them, not because they wanted a relationship with Him. Can you think of a scenario in which it might be "convenient" to follow Jesus or to be part of a church?
- Jesus had compassion ("splanchnizomai") on the crowds. Pastor Jason said, "Only when we see people the way Jesus sees people will we treat people the way Jesus treats them." Is there someone in your life, or a group of people, that you need to see differently, and then treat differently? What can you do to put compassion into practice this week?

2. **The Faith of Philip: A Calculated Faith (Mark 6:35-36 and John 6:5-7)**

- Do you tend to be someone who needs to see the plan before you agree to it? Give some recent examples of what this looks like in your life.
- Why might someone with a more organized or structured personality struggle with having faith?
- It never crossed Philip's mind that Jesus might do a miracle to feed the crowd. Is there something in your life right now that seems impossible? Have you prayed about it? Pray together with your group!

3. **The Faith of Andrew: A Cautious Faith (Mark 6:38 and John 6:8-9)**

- Would you consider yourself a cautious person when it comes to stepping out in faith? Why or why not?
- As a group, talk about some of the amazing things God has done for you individually and together. How does God's faithfulness in the past encourage you in the situations that seem impossible today?
- What might God be asking you to believe about Him right now? Ask Him to help you in your unbelief.

3. **The Faith of the Little Boy: A Complete Faith (Mark 6:41-44 and John 6:8-9)**

- The boy had five loaves and two fish in his hands and he offered them to Jesus. What do you have in your hands? What has God given you that you could offer back to Him in faith?
- What's causing you to hold back from going all in for Jesus with a complete faith?

Which character(s) do you identify with most in this story: The crowd, Philip, Andrew, or the little boy?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Ask God to give you opportunities to grow in your faith so that you might find your satisfaction in Him.

