



Revolution: Feeding the 5,000

LUKE 9:10-17 | JANUARY 24 & 25, 2015

This week Pastor Mike continues to build on the idea that Jesus is inviting us to participate in a revolution. We are called to announce and reflect the Kingdom of God as we both proclaim the Good News and engage in good works. Jesus' work restores the world, cares for the people in his midst and points to the future hope we have in him.

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Share a time in your life when you sensed God cared and provided to meet your needs.



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Work with your group to list 5 ways that today's world has been shaped by Jesus' life and teaching? Can you list another 3 ways that the world has been positively impacted by Jesus' followers?

Pastor Mike's sermon referenced "two wings of the plane." What are the "wings," and what is the deeper truth he is communicating?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What part of the sermon most encouraged, challenged or surprised you? How did it shape your view of Jesus?

Pastor Mike described that the feeding of the 5,000 was neither a sleight-of-hand magic trick nor a lesson in sharing a picnic. Why might these descriptions be insufficient? What is the larger lesson from this miracle?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

The sermon shared that part of Jesus' work was to institute the coming Kingdom of God and to restore a broken world. What are some ways that you can work to imitate Jesus and bring restoration to your world? (i.e. what can you do in response to this sermon?)

In the story, Jesus challenged his disciples to feed the hungry crowd. They focused on the difficulty of this challenge while pointing out the limited resources available. Are there any challenges in your life right now in which you are more focused on the lack of resources and not focused enough on God's providing power?

DIGGING DEEPER

Can you determine the significance of the loaves being BARLEY loaves? What are some Old Testament stories this points back to and what might the larger New Testament point getting made be? (hint: where else have barley loaves or "bread" been made available and why do these add depth to this story?)

GRADUATE LEVEL

In the parallel telling of the loaves and fish miracle in John 6, Jesus uses the words, "I AM the Bread of Life." What is the significance of the "I AM" expression? What is meant by "Bread of Life?" This is the first time Jesus makes an "I am" claim in John. What are the others? How is your understanding of Jesus developed when you consider all 7 of the "I am" statements together?