

A Teachable Moment

Matthew 14:14-21

I. The INCIDENT - 14:14

II. The INTENTION - 14:15-17

When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

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III. The INSTRUCTION - 14:18-20a

IV. The IMPACT - 14:20b-21

He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds, and they all ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 14:19b-20a

Life Group Study Questions

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1. Describe a teachable moment in your life. What was the lesson you learned?

2. What are some of the factors that make the feeding of the five thousand such a teachable moment? Describe the needs involved and the state of the disciples as they encounter the overwhelming crowd.

3. How does Jesus “set up” this moment in the disciples’ lives (John 6:5-6)? Does it encourage you to realize that He does the same thing in your own life? How?

4. Jesus is always seeking to bring us to the end of ourselves and to faithful reliance upon Him. How does He do this with His disciples (14:16)? How has he done this in your own life lately?

5. The work that Jesus calls His disciples to is beyond their means and ability. What is He trying to develop in them? Why do we so often long to live by our means instead of by faith?

6. Do you bring your resource to Christ, believing He can do more with them than you can? Give some examples of Jesus doing much with little in the Bible.

7. What do you think was going through the disciples’ minds as they organized 20,000 people into groups of 100's and 50's?

8. How was the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand both a very personal and an unseen miracle?

9. This miracle introduces us to the one who is the “Bread of Life.” Jesus is the sufficient and satisfying. How has this been true in your own life? Where do you need to trust Him to be this in your life right now?