

Life Group Homework

For the week of February 24, 2019

MY STORY

1. Have you ever seen or experienced a miracle in your life or in the life of someone close to you?
2. What was your takeaway from last week's study?

QUICK REVIEW

3. Upon reviewing your notes from Sunday's teaching, what caught your attention?

DIGGING DEEPER

John 6:5-13 (NLT)

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

4. In verses 5-7 what is Jesus doing with Phillip?
5. Why do you think Jesus was setting Phillip up?
6. What does Andrew do?
7. What do Andrew's actions reveal to us about his faith?
8. What is the difference between Andrew's and Phillip's beliefs?

9. In our lives, do we look at problems more than Jesus for the miraculous, and if so, how?

10. What do the remaining twelve baskets teach us about God's heart?

TAKING IT HOME

Pastor Tim taught us a couple of different thoughts from this passage about serving. The first is that there are always opportunities to serve, and the second is to serve with what you have. Below are three different ways we can do that.

• Be Intentional

Go deeper with good questions. Rather than a quick "What's up?", ask questions that encourage people to open up. "How have things been going this week?" or "How is your mom who has been fighting cancer?" or "What can I be praying about for you this upcoming week?" or "What has God been teaching you recently through His word?" Ask questions that allow you to dig deeper—that create opportunity to encourage and remind one another of being connected and its powerful implications.

11. What other ways can you be intentional in conversation?

• Be Hospitable

Find opportunities to invite others into the *rhythm* of your life. If you are running to the store, invite someone to go along with you! Invite people into the routine of your life, all the while being intentional in your conversations, going deeper together in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

12. How can you invite someone into the rhythms of your life?

13. What other ways can you show hospitality to others in your life?

• Be Available

Sometimes there may be a friend who just needs you to drop what you're doing and pray with them. There may be a crisis, and they need your support. Someone may have had a terrible day at school or work, and they need a friend to talk to. If we are going to foster community in our lives and in our churches, we must learn to be less busy. We must learn to not over schedule ourselves so much that we don't have time to be available for those who

need us. Intentionally leave time unscheduled so you can drop what you're doing and be there for others

14. Are you available to those around you? If so, how?

15. What could you do to make yourself more available to those around you?

CHAIR TIME TOOL

This week read John 6:1-17 again and ask for leading on the following questions.

16. What has God put in your hands as a resource to help other people?

17. How can you be intentional this week to show God's love to others?

18. Who can you make yourself available for this week?



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Miracles reveal God's love and His love for us.

1. There is hunger all around us.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Mark 6:34

2. There are opportunities to serve all around us.

But he (Jesus) answered, "You give them something to eat". Mark 6:37

3. Start with what you have.

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. Matthew 14:17

4. When we say yes to God's plan, be prepared for God to show up!

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. Mark 6:42

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine... Ephesians 3:20

Challenge

- Let God fulfill your **deep hunger**.
- Let God **feed others** through you.