



Key References:

Matthew 14:13–18 (ESV)

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate 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 on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ But Jesus said, “**They need not go away; you give them something to eat.**” ¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “**Bring them here to me.**”

John 6:5–7 (ESV)

⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “**Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?**” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.”

John 6:26–27 (ESV)

²⁶ Jesus answered them, “**Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.**” ²⁷ **Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.**”

1 – RESPONDING IN COMPASSION

In Matthew 14 what reason is given as to why Jesus got into a boat to travel to the desolate place?

In Matthew 14:13-14 it says Jesus had compassion on the crowd. **Do you think that moment was hard for Jesus? What can we learn from this?**

Is there a particular group of people that you feel especially compassionate for? Why do you have that connection? Do you think that compassion & grace has been given to you by God for a purpose?

2 – OUR NATURAL RESPONSE

Read John 6:4-6. **Why did Jesus ask Philip that question? Do you feel like God asks us similar questions?**

Are there situations that you’ve “lifted your eyes up to” recently that are too big for you?

From Matthew 14:15 what was the disciples response to the crowd? Do you think they were justified?

3 – HOW JESUS USES US

Are you surprised that Jesus put the ownership on the disciples in Matthew 14:16?

Tyrone at the Equip said; “*The vision that God calls us to will always be bigger than the provision we carry in our pockets*”. **What do you think about this?**

How has God provided for situations when you’ve stepped out?

4 – WHAT KIND OF KING

Why did the crowd was to make Jesus king in John 6:14-15? How does this speak to you? What kind of king have we made Jesus?

5 – JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

Read John 6:26-27. **When the church does outreach why must we always include the gospel? How can someone be more intentional with communicating the gospel everyday life?**