

DISCUSSION GUIDE

soul food

When a meal with Jesus
was more than food

OPENING UP



Have people share what they would describe as their perfect meal? What type of food, venue for the meal, people sharing the meal, etc...

TEXT



Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand | Luke 9:10-17

¹⁰ On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹ When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. ¹² Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place." ¹³ But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." ¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." ¹⁵ And they did so, and had them all sit down. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

MESSAGE OUTLINE



Big Idea: Jesus is enough to fully satisfy everyone who comes to him.

1. Jesus is never too tired to welcome those who seek him. (vv. 10-11)
2. Jesus is never too impotent to provide for all who need him. (vv. 12-15)
3. Jesus is never too limited to satisfy all who hunger for him. (vv. 16-17)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- Looking at Luke 9:11 how does Jesus treat the crowds who are around Him? Discuss the environment they were in and how the disciples were feeling in verse 12.
- On page 62 of *A Meal with Jesus*, Chester writes that feeding the 5000 points out the disciples' inability and Jesus' ability. He goes on to say, "Jesus asks us what resources we have and asks us to have faith." What resource do you have to reach out to your neighbors? Do you believe Jesus can use you, and the resources you have to point others to Jesus?
- The big idea of this week's message was *Jesus is enough to fully satisfy everyone who comes to him*. Where in your life have you been tempted to believe that Jesus isn't fully satisfying? How have you developed a "Jesus Plus" framework for your life?
- According to Chester, what is God's motivation in giving us so many delicious foods? (p. 68)
- What does satisfaction with Jesus practically look like in life? Discuss some defining attributes or practices that lend themselves towards a satisfaction with Jesus.

LIFE CHALLENGE



Begin to pray specifically for your neighbors and ask God to place people directly in your path, or for Him to bring to your mind, someone that He wants you to invest in.

For Easter at Woodside, we want to be intentional about both investing in and inviting people to church who maybe have never been before and especially people who don't know about Jesus. Ask God to show you the right people, put a date on the calendar and invite that person over for a meal...then invite them to join you at church on Easter.

CLOSING PRAYER



Jesus you are so good to us and you satisfy us in ways that we don't even recognize. Help us to grow in our relationship with you. Please show us the people in our lives that you want us to be messengers of the good news. Please give us the clear opportunities to talk about you and provide for us all the right words we need. We love you Jesus! Amen!