

Bring Them Here to Me!

MATTHEW 14:13-21

GROUP CURRICULUM

SERMON

Bring Them Here to Me! – Matthew 14:13-21

DATE

April 11, 2021

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.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Bring Them Here to Me!

MATTHEW 14:13-21

GROUP CURRICULUM

SERMON

Bring Them Here to Me! – Matthew 14:13-21

DATE

April 11, 2021

1. Put yourself in this story. What are some observations you made from this passage, how does it make you feel? What would it have been like to see Jesus perform this miracle?
2. Compare our passage with Mark 6:32-44, Luke 9:10b-17, and John 6:1-15. What does Matthew emphasize that the other accounts don't? What might that teach us about the themes of his gospel?
3. Spend some time thinking about what takes place in verses 17-18. Why do you think Jesus told them to feed the crowd? How do you think they reacted? In light of verse 18, how do you think Jesus may have said these words?
4. Jesus invites them to bring their "buns and fish." What lessons is he trying to teach his disciples? The crowds?
5. Despite having only bread and fish, Jesus' miracle leaves them "satisfied" (v.20). What does it mean that Jesus is sufficient and satisfying in our lives?
6. Read Psalm 23. Why does the Psalmist say they, "shall not want?" How do we get to the place where Jesus alone satisfies and is substantial enough for us?
7. What do you need to give to Jesus this season? What is he inviting you to bring to him? How can your group pray for you about this today?