



## **PASSAGES: John 6:1-15**

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), <sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near. <sup>5</sup> 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?" <sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

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

<sup>10</sup> 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). <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

## **Start talking.**

### **Find a conversation starter for your group.**

- What is your go-to fast food restaurant? What is your meal of choice?

## **Start thinking.**

### **Ask a question to get your group thinking.**

- **Read: John 6:1-11:** What was the dilemma the disciples and the crowds were facing in the story? How did Jesus solve the problem? To whom or where do you look when you're in trouble? Why is it easier to look everywhere but Jesus?

## **Start sharing.**

### **Choose a question to create openness.**

- **Read: John 6:12-15:** Pastor Chris says, "The message of this miracle is when we just bring what we have to Jesus, He can make it more than enough!" What do you need to bring to Jesus? Faith? Time? Money? Relationships? Job? What keeps you from bringing it to Jesus? What is one thing you can do to bring your needs to Him this week?

## **Start praying.**

### **Be bold and pray with power.**

- Pray for our nation. In our nation today, there are: 113 suicides per day, 24 million addicted to drugs, 16 million under-nourished children, 1 million abortions a year, 400,000 in foster care, highest teen pregnancy rate in the developed world, and 2.2 million people incarcerated.

## **Start doing.**

### **Commit to steps and live it out this week.**

- **Read + Reflect:** Exodus 16. What similarities and differences are there between this story and the feeding of the 5,000?
- **Watch:** Daily Devotions with Pastor Chris and Cara this Wednesday @ 12 pm.
- **Do:** Continue praying for our nation and vote