

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 5: Impossible to Possible
Episode 3: Feeding of the 5,000
June 11 & 14, 2026
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LEADER NOTES – We created a “Questions Only Curriculum” that you can send to your group if they would like to prepare for your meeting. It’s on the group curriculum page right next to the regular “Curriculum.”

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2026 - Summer trimester: 6/1–7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17–12/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **New - Riverside Campus Vision Night, Sunday, July 12, 5:30pm, Jacksonville Classical Academy:** Join us for a night of prayer, worship and vision for our Riverside campus. [Learn More](#)

Men's Bible Study, June 3–August 5, 6:00am–7:00am: Join us on Wednesday mornings as we go deeper into the Matthew series through an early-morning Bible study led by Pastor Joby and our teaching team. Campus locations: Fleming Island, Jesup, North Jax, Palatka, San Pablo, St. Augustine, St. Johns.

THIS WEEK’S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the “Daily” icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: **Last week’s action step:** *“Ask the Holy Spirit to help you continue to renounce and repent of the reckless oaths of the tongue and quiet arrangements of the heart that you confessed in group and to replace those things with the peace and grace of Christ.”* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Sermon Text: *Matthew 14:13-21; Matthew 25:40; 1 Corinthians 11:1*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. **But there's no need to answer every question.** The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper.

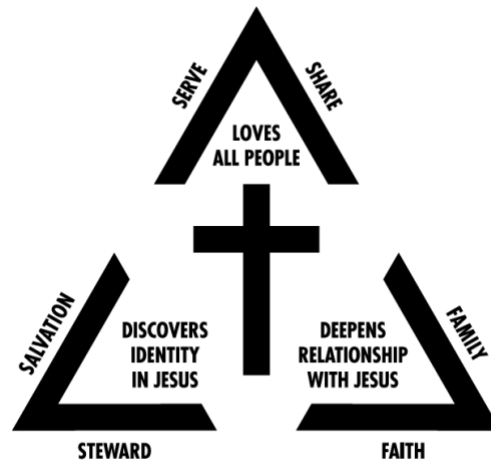
- **Read Matthew 14:13-21.** What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?
- **Discover:** Jesus spent some time in solitude after a loss and He wept at Lazarus' death. What is Jesus teaching us? *(Jesus shows us that grief is not weakness. He took time to mourn, rest, and be with the Father, yet He remained compassionate toward others. Faithful people can grieve honestly and still trust God. See Matthew 14:13 and John 11:35).*
- **Deepen:** Where do you go for solitude, to rest in God and recharge?
- When you see someone in need, how can you focus more on "How can I help?" instead of on judgment of what they did to get there?
- **Matthew 25:40** says that what we do for "the least of these" we do for Jesus. How can that change the way we see generosity, mercy, and serving people in need? *(It moves us from charity to worship. Jesus receives our care for the needy as care for Him. Serving others is one way we love and obey Jesus. See Matthew 25:35-40.)*
- **Discover:** Jesus didn't need the disciples to feed the 5,000. Yet, he included them and used their faith in action. What is Jesus teaching us here? *(Discipleship means participating in Jesus' work, not just watching it. His power supplied the miracle, but the miracle happened in the hands of the disciples. See Matthew 14:16-19.)*
- **Deepen:** Like the disciples, we get to partner with God in his miracles. Has God placed something on your heart that he wants you to join Him in that could lead to a miracle?
- Share a time God called you to do something and you did it, even though you felt foolish. What happened?
- In Matthew 14:15, the disciples suggest sending the crowd away. When God brings needy people into your life when are you tempted to send them away and how do you focus more on giving them something to eat? *("Send them away" keeps the need at a distance. "You give them something to eat" requires compassion, sacrifice, faith, and obedience. Jesus turns the need in front of them into an invitation to trust Him. See Matthew 14:15-16.)*
- Jesus was blessed in the obedience of the disciples. What are ways we can bless God?
- **Discover:** Matthew 14:20 says they all ate and were satisfied, and there were twelve baskets left over. What does this tell us about Jesus' provision? *(Jesus' provision is not only sufficient but abundant. He does not barely meet the need. When little is placed in His hands, He can do more than we imagine. See Matthew 14:20 and Ephesians 3:20-21.)*
- **Deepen:** The disciples only had five loaves and two fish. When God calls you to something, how can you focus more on who Jesus is and not what you lack?
- What is one "small thing in your hand" that you may be tempted to keep for yourself, but Jesus may be asking you to place in His hands?

Action Step: Ask Jesus to identify one area of your life where your "lead foot" is one of judgment and not love. Ask Him to soften your heart toward people. Share with the group next week how that went.

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