

Study Guide

Message: Put 'It' in God's Hands!

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Scripture: Matthew 14.13-23 (NKJV)



Introduction:

We all face moments in life when we don't have enough - not enough strength, not enough money, not enough provision, not enough love, not enough time - just not enough! In our Scripture study, Jesus shows us when we place our insufficiency in God's Hands, He will make more than enough in us and for us.

Message Points:

1. The _____: v13. When Jesus heard it (John's death-agony) He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself (prayer). But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

Point 1: Jesus gives His sorrow to God. Luke 5.16

Questions:

- a) How did Jesus handle His pain, and what do you do when you are in pain?
- b) After Jesus prayed what followed, and what happens after you pray? Study References: Matthew 14.13, 26.39, John 11.41-43, Luke 6.12-13, Hebrews 12.2 'The key to Jesus's prayer life was relationship. He met with the Father, processed His pain through purpose, and surrendered to God's plan.'
2. The _____: v15. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, so that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food (need).' v16. But Jesus said to them, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.' (seed). v17. And they said to Him, 'We have here only five loaves and two fish.' v18. He said, 'Bring them here to Me.'

Point 2: God ask for our **participation**.

Questions:

- a) What do the disciples response tell you about their thinking and what does your response to God in times of challenges say about your thinking?

- b) How did Jesus challenge the disciples in their time of need and how do you respond to challenges in your time of need?
- 3. The _____: v19. Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

Point 3: What **you hold** must **be released**.

Questions:

- a) What small things do you have that God could multiply and why do you still have it in your hand and not God's Hands?
- b) How did Jesus pray to offer what He had in His hand to put it into God's Hands, and how will you use Jesus's prayer?
- c) How does Matthew 19.26 and Mark 11.24 encourage you to put what you have into God's Hands?
- d) What does it mean "He blessed it, He broke it, and He shared it", and what does it look like after you put what you have in His Hands? Reference: Jeremiah 18.3-6
- 4. The _____: v20. So, they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained (more than enough). v21. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Point 4: 'When God blesses you, it's never just for you - it's for those connected to you.'

Question: How have you been blessed to be a blessing?

- 5. The _____: v23. And when He had sent the multitudes away (after feeding the 5,000), He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

Point 5: Jesus keeps the main thing the main thing - Prayer.

Question: How will you adjust your prayer life, to offer what you have to God, so He can bless you, break you, and share you with others?