



PRAYER

Dear Lord, may we feed upon you and not the things of this world, so we will reap life, and not death. May our souls hunger and thirst for you and you alone. You are life everlasting and there is no God besides you.

Help us to delight ourselves in you and be content in you. Nothing else will satisfy. No one else can satisfy. Only you, Lord. Only you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

- DailyBibleVerse (John 6 Prayer)

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

If you had to prepare a meal for 5,000 people, what would be on the menu, and how would you serve it (e.g. on a banana leaf at a beachfront, at a palace, a drive-thru, or picnic tables)?

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WORD

⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

[JOHN 6:5-14](#)

"God's miraculous salvation through Jesus is sufficient to satisfy the needs of all who hunger for God and righteousness, even as his miracle of multiplied fish and bread satisfied the hungry multitude."

-Every Nation "Miracles" series

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = never; 10 = always), how often are you hungry for a relationship with God? Why would you rate yourself this way?
2. When you are in desperate situations that need urgent attention, are praying and trusting God the first things you do? Or do you have a tendency to go to other means of solutions before coming to God?
3. In verse 7 above, Philip presents a mathematical problem in fact form to Jesus with, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little". Why do you think Philip presents this to Jesus? Could it be that he doubted Jesus knew this, or that he felt Jesus had no ability to feed that many people with that little amount of food? Or was Philip merely being cynical; exaggerating the need to use a hyperbole to show Jesus that he was doomed to fail?
4. After the people are fed miraculously, Jesus says to the disciples in verses 12-13, "'Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten." What does this say to you about Jesus' heart for stewardship? Could there be a deeper meaning, knowing that there were 12 baskets of "leftovers" similarly to how there are 12 tribes of Israel in the Old Testament, and 12 disciples of Jesus in the New Testament?

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, would you choose today to trust him? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am yours, and you are mine. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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