

## **5 Loaves, 2 Fish**

Main Scripture: Mark 6:30-44

Additional Scripture: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:8, Hebrews 11:6, 1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 5:18

### **Hearing: Discussion Questions**

- Pastor Robbie said that our lives should be like windows where when people look at us, they see the Kingdom of God. What do you think people see when if they viewed your life this week?
- **Read Mark 6:30-35.** Do you ever have to run after Jesus and meet Him in solitary places? Why are solitary places sometimes the best places to find Him?
- “The absence of the presence of Jesus is an invitation to pursue Him.” How does this change your thinking about the areas in your life that have an absence of Jesus?
  - (If applicable, break into groups of men and women.) Share with the group some of the places in your life where there is an absence of Jesus and how to pursue Him in this area of your life.
- Jesus first met the people’s immediate felt need before meeting their deeper spiritual need. Share some stories of some victories of first meeting an immediate need and how that opened up spiritual doors.
  - Is there ever a time to go directly for the spiritual need? Explain and describe a situation like that.
- **Read 1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 5:18.** We should give thanks in everything. Can you think of a time when you or someone you know gave thanks despite their horrible situation? What kind of effect did that have on you?
- “Jesus followers don’t always reflect His nature.” What are some ways that you act or things you do that don’t always reflect Jesus’ nature?
  - Have the small group to start holding everyone accountable to start working on these habits, qualities, traits, etc.

### **Doing: Application**

- Pastor Robbie told a story of two young Christian sisters who were in a concentration camp and how they gave thank for the fleas, the last possible thing you would think they would give thanks for, and how God use those fleas for His glory. Go around the group and share what the “fleas”, the things that are in your life that don’t seem to have any purpose other than to hinder, annoy, hurt, or bother you and give thanks for them.
- Take this entire week and give thanks for everything – whether it is good, bad, horrible, or amazing. Come back next week and ask the question, “Does it work?”