

Home Group Discussion Guide for Understanding The Loaves

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group.

If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. What are some of the different Gospel stories to do with water?
 - a. Do you find yourself confusing the different stories?
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scriptures: *Mark 6:45-52; Psalm 23; Philipians 4:11-13*

(Read Mark 6:45-52)

1. As you read this passage, what questions do you have about what is going on?
2. The disciples strain at the oars for hours during the night, trying to cross the sea. How would they have been feeling?
 - a. What does this type of situation look like in our lives today?
3. Why does Mark include in verse 48 that Jesus intended to pass by if he was writing about the Good News of Jesus? How does this fit?
4. Jesus reminds the disciples of who He is, and climbs into the boat with them – How does this relate to the lesson of the loaves?
5. What is the lesson of the loaves that Jesus is helping His disciples to understand?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. What is the Good News of this passage for us?
2. What are the situations in your life that you need to be reminded of Jesus as your Good Shepherd?
3. What truths would Jesus declare to you as He gets in your boat?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

