

*Sermon-based Growth Group*  
*“Summer Voices: God of the Impossible”*  
*Matthew 14:13-21*  
*Questions*  
July 16, 2023

Introductory Discussion: What from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

1. Can you think of a time when you (or we) didn’t have enough time or resources to do what God needed?
  - a. What happened?
  
2. Compassion in verse 14 means “to suffer with.” Why is it important to not just recognize that people are suffering or struggling, but to suffer with them?
  - a. How does it change your response?
  - b. As Elder Paul asked, “who in your life needs compassion?” Who can you “shepherd?”
  
3. But what if you don’t feel like you have the capacity to deal with the amount of pain around us? Where can you find the power?
  - a. Are you willing to risk exhausting yourself to help?
  
4. When Jesus fed the 5000, when did the disciples know that God was helping them?
  - a. What can that moment teach us about how God can give us the power to help others?
  
5. In verse 17, what did the disciples have to give?
  - a. What did God do with it?
  - b. What do you need to do to be in a position for God to give you the ability to do more (look at what the disciples did in verse 19)?

6. Verse 20 says, "They all ate and were satisfied." Where did their satisfaction really come from?

a. What made it so satisfying?

7. Is God asking you to solve all the world's problems?

a. Then what is he asking you to do?

b. What WILL God do with our 5 loaves and 2 fish?

c. Where can you apply this principle (you can answer this question in general, but try to think of at least one specific area)?