

Who do you say I am? #1 - You Satisfy.

Matthew 14:13-21

13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." 16 Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17 "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. 18 "Bring them here to me," he said. 19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

"They don't need to go away. _____ them something to eat."

The _____ expectation.

1 John 3:16-18 - This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

The Savior! He did what _____ (_____) could not do.

When we're satisfied with _____, then we will give until we can't give any _____.

Who do you say I am? #1 – Connect Group Study

Getting Started:

We're calling this series: "Who do you say I am?" because of a conversation Jesus had with his disciples in Matthew 16:13-20. He asked two questions that we'll answer ourselves as we begin.

- "Who do **people** say that I am?" What do people in your life say about Jesus?
- "Who do **you** say that I am?" What do you tell people about Jesus?

Digging In:

Re-read the account in Matthew 14:13-21.

- What different ways might you answer the question "Who do you say that I am?" based on this account? Explain your answer.
- In the sermon, Pastor Bourman focused our attention on "**You give** them something to eat." Look at the different gospel accounts of this same event (Mark 6:37; Luke 9:13; John 6:7). Evaluate the disciples' response to Jesus' command. What is your response to Jesus command to **give** (Look at 1 John 3:16-18 again)?
- Look at John 4:13-14; John 6:35. How does Jesus satisfy us?
- Read Matthew 26:36-46. How does Jesus' complete embrace of the Father's command (Rise! Let us go!) after he prayed for it to go away, such a comfort to you?

Taking It Home and to Heart:

In this text we see the ability and desire of Jesus to satisfy our deepest needs and our earthly ones too.

- How does his person and work satisfy you?
- How does his person and work inspire you? What will you do this week because of him?