

Dinner with Jesus pt. 5- Bread for the Table
Sunday, October 5, 2025

As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

Open Up:

- If you were a contestant on *Chopped*, what three surprise ingredients would you dread finding in your basket?
- What's your go-to "comfort food," the meal that never disappoints?

Read Together:

Matthew 14:15

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."

Matthew 14:16

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

Matthew 14:17-18

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said

Exodus 16:14-18

When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need..."

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Matthew 14:19-20

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. They all ate and were satisfied...

Matthew 14:13

...he withdrew by boat privately to a **solitary place**.

Luke 5:16

But Jesus often withdrew to **lonely places** and prayed.

Discuss Together:

- If you were one of the disciples in Matthew 14, what do you think your first reaction would have been when Jesus said, *"You give them something to eat"*?
- What do you think he wanted them to learn through that command?
- The disciples looked at the size of the crowd and immediately thought, *"This isn't possible."* What's a time when something looked too big to handle, but worked out in a surprising way?
- The disciples brought what little they had, and Jesus multiplied it. Why do you think Jesus chose to involve people in miracles rather than just doing everything on his own?
- Brother Lawrence practiced experiencing God's presence in everyday, ordinary tasks. What's one daily activity where you practice God's presence?
- The miracle ends with abundance—twelve baskets left over. What does that say about the generosity of God, and how should that shape our generosity?
- Bread shows up all throughout the Bible as a symbol of God's provision. What other everyday things remind you that God is providing for you?
- When Jesus withdrew to a solitary place to pray, he showed that prayer fueled his compassion. What's one simple practice that helps you slow down and make space for God?

Pray:.

Take a few quiet moments to thank God for the ways He has already provided for you. Then pray for courage to bring what you have—no matter how small—to Jesus, trusting Him to multiply it for His purposes.

Invitation:

How might your “table”—your time, resources, relationships—become a place of blessing for others this week?