

8. Encouragement for the Journey



Feeding the Five Thousand

Bible Reading: Mark 6:32-44

Message Summary:

- Introduction
- Jesus sought a solitary place by crossing on to the eastern shore of the Lake of Galilee to rest.
- The multitudes in their thousands followed Him by walking round the Lake.
- Jesus had compassion on them.
- Jesus spent the rest of the day ministering to the people because they were like sheep without a shepherd.
- Jesus healed their sick and taught them many things.
- Come evening the disciples wanted to send the people away so that they could buy food in neighbouring villages.

- Andrew notices a boy who had five barley loaves and two small fish.
- Jesus instructs the multitude (5,000 men, plus women and children) to sit on the green grass in groups of hundreds and fifties.
- Jesus blessed the food and gave it to His disciples to give to the multitude.
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- When everyone had eaten, Jesus instructed his disciples to gather up the leftovers so that nothing would be wasted.
- The disciples picked up 12 basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.
- This miracle portrays Jesus caring for the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the people
- In short, Jesus gave them “The Bread of Life”.

