

# Life of Christ

A study of the life and teachings of Jesus

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 6 | The Feeding of the 5,000

SUNDAY, October 18, covering Life of Christ from Day 31-37



## Life Group Schedule

**PREP** Review the weekend service online. Read through each Scripture reference prayerfully. Invite the Holy Spirit to show you any correction you need to make around this week's topic. Be willing to be open, humble, and honest with your group about what He is showing you.

**10 MIN** Log In, chat, check on everybody! Remember, be a facilitator of conversation, not a preacher! Talk little, listen more, and have fun! Keep in mind we do this for community and for each of us to grow closer in our relationships with God.

**15 MIN** ICE BREAKER: Several ice breaker game suggestions can be located at [BIT.LY/NLCLIFEGROUP\\_ICEBREAKERS](https://bit.ly/NLCLIFEGROUP_ICEBREAKERS). Take your pick, and enjoy the game together!

**TRANSITION: SPEND SOME TIME IN WORSHIP & PRAYER**

### **30-45 MIN | THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000**

#### **MARK 6:30-44**

**Q1.** What is the most satisfying meal you can eat? (Real food, not spiritual.) What are you chasing, thinking it will bring satisfaction to you, but it doesn't?

#### **MARK 6:42**

- More than just being satisfied physically, satisfaction comes from the wholeness of Christ.

**Q2.** Jesus encountered many crowds in his day. What crowds do you encounter? What do they look like?

- Jesus had a very packed day in Mark 6; before the end of the day, he would weep, run, shout, curse, praise.

- An emotional day because of the hurt and pain that was in the people in the crowd. Broken people.
- Jesus broke away with the apostles to eat and get some rest, but the crowds followed them.

## **EXAMPLES OF HOW JESUS SERVES OTHERS NEEDS:**

### 1. Jesus Gives Compassion

**Q3.** When have you felt like you were an inconvenience to someone or God? You felt like you were in the way.

- Even at your worst, Jesus will give compassion
- Praying to God for the same thing over and over.

**PSALM 50:15**

**Q4.** Have you ever felt like you cannot live up to the standards of “religious” people? How do those people make you feel? Have YOU ever been the judgemental/legalistic one?

- Some of us have had rough experiences from religious people
- They always make you feel like you are failing.

**Q5.** What do you need to do if you want to be like Jesus? How can you do that?

- To be like Jesus you need to take care of people.

**MARK 6:34** “He had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.”

- Jesus affects and sees our everyday lives, but gives the ultimate example of how to serve others needs.
- You will always try to get rid of people if you don’t have the heart of Christ
- The compassion of Christ will never be distracted by what makes more “sense”

**MARK 6:35-37**

### 2. Jesus Knows your Limits without Him

**Q6.** What was, or is, very intimidating to you without Jesus?

- Your abilities are the wrong measuring stick - most of us are insecure in what God calls us to do.
- You will often feel small next to a challenge from Christ. You can’t forget that Jesus is in the challenge. He is in the story.

**PHIL 4: 13**

**Q7.** Can you share a time when God tested you? How did you grow from it?

- When you face something that seems impossible - it stretches underdeveloped faith.
- Write down your challenges right now and invite Jesus into that.
- Often the answers to the biggest problems are not figured out logically/rationally but relationally.

### 3. Jesus Can Take Something Small and Make a Miracle.

**Q8.** Where are you lacking faith? What do you need to put into Jesus's hands?

- Sometimes you'll make this great statement of faith and put another statement behind it: "God can do anything....if He really wants to" (give ourselves an "out")
- Look at your problem through the eyes of faith, not fear, pride.
- Putting little into Jesus hands becomes much.

**Q9.** When I get more \_\_\_\_\_ then I will go and do \_\_\_\_\_. How can we be faithful with what we have now?

- Think about the faith and generosity of the person that gave the 5 loaves and 2 fish. They saw an opportunity.
- God rewards generosity more than just about anything else.
- Take your little and give it.

### 4. Jesus Will Leave You with Enough to Carry On

**Q10.** What amazing thing has God done in your life that you can use as a testimony?

- 12 baskets left over; Jesus wanted his disciples to "carry" this miracle around for a while.
- Bring your testimony with you!
- The manna God is giving us daily! (The Life of Christ) We need to carry it daily.
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**Q11.** Why did Jesus save us? What specific purpose did he save you for? How can you give compassion?

**2 COR 1:3-5**

- Let your mess become your message.

## TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAY OVER NEEDS

## CONFIRM OR SCHEDULE YOUR NEXT MEETING, WHETHER LIVE OR VIRTUAL

**Leaders:** Please share your email address and cell numbers. Be available!

- For more ideas, check out [VIRTUAL LIFE GROUP PLAN](#).
- As Life Group leaders—the hands, feet and voice of Jesus—remember "CPR":
  - › C – Check-In and Care for People at least weekly

- › P – Pray with and for them often
- › R – Remember Scripture. God’s Word is powerful!
- **Group Participation Guideline Reminders:**
  - › Do not share anything that will embarrass anyone, including your spouse.
  - › If called on you may pass on any questions you do not want to answer.
  - › Allow time for everyone to share; do not dominate the conversation.
  - › What is said in the group stays in the group. Use common sense and know when something shared is personal and should remain confidential.

**For Daily Prayer: The following linked resources can help strengthen our prayer lives**

- [Foundations, Session 4: “WHAT IS PRAYER?”](#)
- [THE LORD’S PRAYER PATTERN](#)
- [THE PRAYER OF JABEZ PRAYER PATTERN](#)
- [THE TRINITY PRAYER PATTERN](#)