DATE: September 14, 2025

TITLE: The Miracle of Multiplication

SPEAKER: Dave Mobley SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:13-21

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: WHAT IS THE HUNGRIEST YOU HAVE EVER BEEN?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

- 1. What does this passage reveal about who God is?
- 2. What do you think was in Jesus' mind when He heard the disciples say, "...send them away" v 15 and He responded with "You give them something to eat" v16
- 3. John 6 is a parallel passage. Read John 6:26–35, an account of the conversation Jesus has with the crowd the day after they've experienced the miraculous feeding. How does this passage help you understand the sign and who it was pointing to? Are there modern day examples of seeing a sign but missing the sign-giver?
- 4. What can you learn from these passages about discipleship?
- 5. How is multiplication of disciples more effective than adding converts to the church global?
- 6. Explain the difference between seeking the benefits Jesus gives (spiritual, physical) and seeking the Benefactor?
- 7. Share a story when you look back on your life and realized it could only be God that provided?

APPLICATION

- 1. What is your nagging unanswered question?
- 2. What did you want to hear that you didn't hear from the message?
- 3. How can we get to know God as He is and not in the limited way we do now?
- 4. Think about what most caught your attention in the text or discussion. Why is God catching your attention with this at this point in your life? What does God want you to know or do?
- 5. What's one thing from this text that you could say to a believer/unbeliever about who God is?

PRAYER

Ask people for specific prayer requests. Pray for needs and for applications of the text. Ask for volunteers who would like to pray for those people and requests.

SHEPHERDING

Check the roster and see who is not there. Does the group know why someone is not there? Are there needs that can be meet by the group? Specific prayer requests? Ask for someone to reach out and say, "We missed you."

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE FOR SEPTEMBER:

Matthew 5:6-8 - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

REMINDERS

Small Group Checklist

- We suggest you serve lx every six weeks or so. Discuss ideas.
- Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!!
- Discuss childcare, if needed.
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.

Go through the Announcements in the Bulletin together to see what is coming up at FCC and how you can get plugged in! Here are a couple of those things - all registrations can be found on the events tab of the website.

-MEMBERSHIP CLASSES:

We have two different opportunities for you to join us for a new member orientation class if you are thinking about becoming a member here at FCC. Register online for Tuesday, October 7th at 5:30pm or Saturday, October 18th at 9am.

-YOUTH GROUP KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 24th!

If you have children in grades $6-12^{th}$ we encourage you to get them registered and join us on September 24^{th} for our kickoff! FCC Youth Group is also looking for help with meals. Check out the website for signups to serve the meal or donate items to our food pantry.