



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together

## Home Group study: week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**THEME: Building Blocks – Pack Lunch – Packed Feast**

**PREACHER: Tim Cowles**

**PASSAGE: John 6:1-13**

### Introduction:

What's the best 'wind up' you've ever done? Why was it so good?

We're going to see that Jesus gets quite a strong reaction out of his disciples during this story.

### Background:

The feeding of the 5000 is found in each of the four gospels – Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-43, Luke 9:10-17 and John 6:1-15.

All the accounts add slight additions to the account, which does help support the authenticity of the eye-witness accounts.

Whilst, not mentioned in the talk on Sunday - this miracle immediately follows Jesus hearing that his beloved cousin, John the Baptist, has been beheaded by Herod. It feels that it adds another layer of appreciation of Jesus' grace towards us.

*"God can use whatever we have for his purposes"*

**READ John 6:1-13** (feel free to look at the other accounts too!)

*(I always like to consider asking 'what immediately stands out in the passage?')*

- 1) Jesus asks Philip – "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" – How would you respond to such a question? Does Philip even answer Jesus' question?
- 2) What do you think Jesus is 'testing' Philip with? Do you find Jesus testing you today?
- 3) Cost seems to be a trigger for Philip which impacts his ability to see 'What God can do' – are you aware of any triggers in your faith that impact your ability to have faith in 'what God can do'?
- 4) What would you say to a little boy to encourage them to give their packed lunch? How do you think we should approach encouraging each other to get involved or more involved in the needs of the church today?
- 5) This is a leadership moment, where Jesus holds onto the vision God's given him and trusts he will provide the gap in resources. Have you experienced any moment like this? How did it feel?
- 6) How does this story parallel to the opening verses of Psalm 23 and what does this reveal to us of God?

- 7) How was what 'Jesus had in mind' far better than Philip and Andrew's?
- 8) What little can you add into the life of the church? What little can you place in Jesus' hands?  
E.g. Money, time, energy, expertise, passions

## **PRAYER**

The Church has had a prophetic word over it for many years that it will be 'Like an oak tree that changes the landscape'.

With faith as small as acorns – God can do remarkable things! Let's pray into this that with the little we bring we would see God positively change the landscape around us.

That we would trust in him for the gaps in resources.

We know from the news that this is going to be a particularly challenging season as we approach winter for many, let's pray for God's mercy that he might provide extravagant blessing during this time. That his church could be used to provide extravagant blessing during this time.