

Lesson 15: The Feeding the Five Thousand

Objective: To learn that when we love Jesus and give Him what we have, He will use it To bless us and others.

Background: One day Jesus sent the twelve disciples out, two by two, as missionaries to share the Good News and to help the needy people. Because of this, the news of Jesus spread all over Galilee, and thousands and thousands of people followed Jesus. But soon after Jesus fed the five thousand, the crowd turned back and no longer followed Him because Jesus would not become the kind of Messiah they wanted-- one who would set up a Jewish kingdom.

Instructions: Read carefully Mark 6:7-16 and Mark 6:30-52 as if you were there and saw it with your own eyes.

Let's Think:

1. Why did Jesus plan to go to a lonely place after the six teams of missionaries came back from work? (Mark 6:30-32) And how did Jesus feel when He saw the crowd spoil His plan? Was he upset and did He insist on His rights? (Mark 6:33-34) By the way, what does it mean that "Jesus had compassion on them"? (Use the dictionary)

2. When it was getting late, what did the disciples tell Jesus to do? Why? (Mark 6:35,36) Did Jesus do what the disciples said? Explain (Mark 6:37)

3. Was Andrew excited when a boy gave his lunch bag of five loaves (buns) and two fish? (Read John 6:8-9) Did he know that little can become much in Jesus' hands?

4. What do you think of the boy who gave his lunch bag to Jesus? And how did Jesus use it to bless others? Had the boy lost his lunch when he gave it to Jesus? By the way, how many would have enjoyed the meal if the boy had kept the lunch for himself?

5. The following day Jesus used the physical bread to teach the Jews about the spiritual bread (new life). Read John 6:35. How is the spiritual bread Jesus gives different from the physical bread? Who can have the spiritual bread? And how? By the way, do your friends know about the spiritual bread Jesus talks about?

6. Would you like to be “the boy” today? Think of what you have and what you would give to Jesus and tell Him in prayer. (Please write it down and give your name.) Remember, Jesus needs mouths to share the news of spiritual bread (new life); hands to help others; feet to do His command; lives to shine for Him....

Let's Remember: “ ...for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2Corinthians 9:7b)

