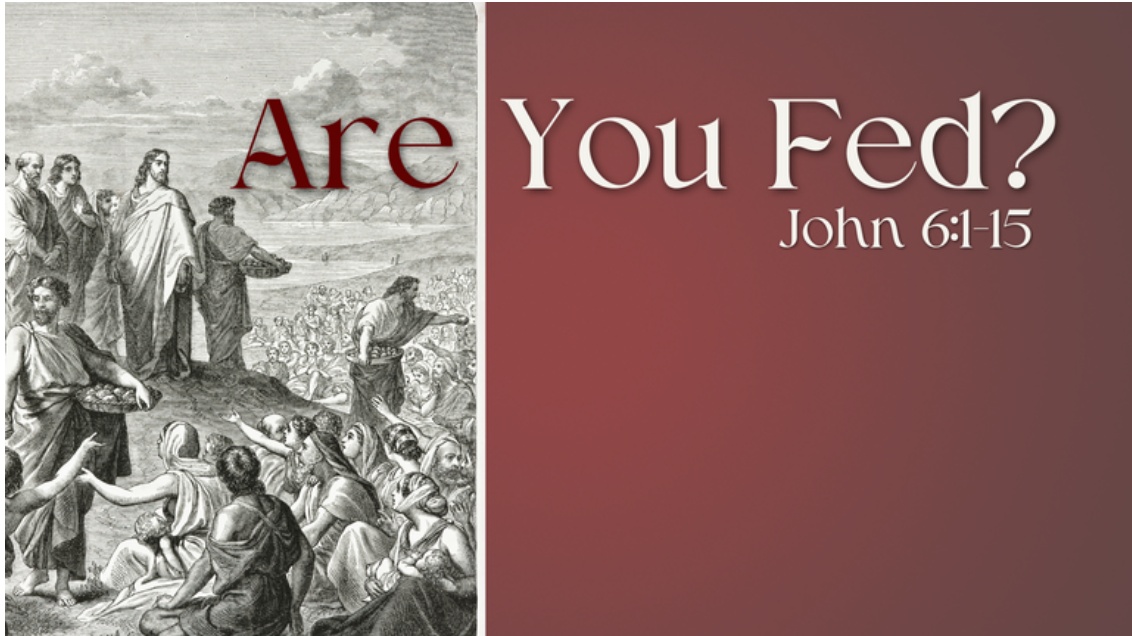


WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2026

**5-Day Devotional
based on Sunday's message:**



Feeding the 5000

*EC Conference Report and Communion Sunday
John 6:1-15*

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John 6: 1-15 (NLT)

After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?” He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.

Philip replied, “Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!” Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up. “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?”

“Tell everyone to sit down,” Jesus said. So, they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, “Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.” So, they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.

When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, “Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!” When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.

Day 1: Are You Just Tasting?

Devotional

In our fast-paced world, we've become accustomed to sampling everything - from food courts to streaming services. We taste a little here, try a little there, but rarely commit to anything fully. This same mentality has crept into our spiritual lives. Many of us approach faith like spiritual snackers, wanting just enough of God to feel good without the commitment required for real nourishment.

Think about your relationship with Jesus. Do you find yourself taking small bites of Scripture, quick tastes of prayer, or brief moments in worship? While these aren't wrong, they're incomplete. God desires to feed you fully, not just give you spiritual appetizers. He wants to satisfy your deepest hunger and provide abundant nourishment for your soul. Jesus offers us a feast, not just samples. When we approach Him as tasters, we miss the richness of what He provides. We remain spiritually malnourished despite having access to the Bread of Life.

Today, consider moving beyond spiritual snacking toward a commitment to be truly fed by God's Word, His presence, and His people.

Bible Verse

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! - Psalm 34:8

Reflection Question

What areas of your spiritual life have you been 'tasting' rather than fully embracing?

Quote

Are you fed? Are you fed? What does that mean? So I was thinking about that and as so many people are just tasters. I used to be a taster.

Prayer

Lord, forgive me for settling for spiritual snacks when You offer a feast. Help me move beyond tasting to truly being fed by You. Give me the hunger and commitment to receive all You have for me. Amen.

Day 2: More Than Enough

Devotional

When Jesus encountered five thousand hungry people in a remote location, the disciples saw an impossible situation. They had only five loaves and two fish - barely enough for a child's meal, let alone a massive crowd. But Jesus saw an opportunity to demonstrate God's abundant provision.

After everyone ate until they were satisfied, twelve baskets of leftovers remained. This wasn't coincidence - it was intentional. Jesus wanted everyone to see that He doesn't just meet our needs; He exceeds them dramatically. He provides more than we can ask, think, or imagine.

This same principle applies to every area of our lives today. When we face situations that seem impossible - financial struggles, broken relationships, health challenges, or spiritual dryness - we serve a God who specializes in abundance. He doesn't give us just enough to get by; He provides more than enough to thrive.

The twelve baskets weren't just leftovers; they were evidence of God's generous heart. Each basket represented His desire to bless us beyond our expectations. When we trust Him with our needs, He responds with His abundance.

Bible Verse

After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, 'Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.' So, they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves. - John 6:12-13

Reflection Question

Where in your life do you need to trust God's abundant provision rather than focusing on what seems insufficient?

Quote

Jesus has never done less, has he? When has he ever not done enough? When you've asked him.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You that You never do just enough but always provide abundantly. Help me trust Your provision even when circumstances seem impossible. Open my eyes to see Your abundance in my life.

Day 3: The Bread of Life

Devotional

The miracle of feeding five thousand wasn't just about satisfying physical hunger - it pointed to something far greater. Jesus used this moment to reveal Himself as the Bread of Life, the one who satisfies our deepest spiritual hunger and thirst. Unlike physical food that leaves us hungry again, Jesus offers permanent satisfaction. When we come to Him, we find nourishment that sustains us through every season of life. He doesn't just fill our stomachs; He fills our souls with purpose, peace, and joy that the world cannot provide.

Many people today are spiritually starving while surrounded by abundance. They try to fill their emptiness with success, relationships, entertainment, or material possessions, but nothing satisfies like Jesus does. He alone can heal the deep hunger in our hearts and provide the living water that quenches our spiritual thirst. When Jesus declares Himself as the Bread of Life, He's making an incredible promise: those who come to Him will never go spiritually hungry again. This doesn't mean life becomes easy, but it means we have a constant source of nourishment and strength that sustains us through every challenge.

Bible Verse

Jesus replied, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' - John 6:35

Reflection Question

What are you trying to use to satisfy your spiritual hunger instead of coming to Jesus, the Bread of Life?

Quote

"Take it past the food. He healed them. See, these people were starving. Their souls were empty. But he fed them."

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the Bread of Life who satisfies my deepest hunger. Help me stop trying to fill my emptiness with temporary things and find my complete satisfaction in You alone. Amen.

Day 4: Come to the Table

Devotional

Just as the Passover meal commemorated God's deliverance of Israel from slavery, communion commemorates our deliverance from sin through Jesus' sacrifice. When we approach the communion table, we're not just participating in a ritual - we're accepting an invitation to be fully fed by our Savior.

Communion reminds us that Jesus gave His body and blood so we could have abundant life. It's not about taking a small taste of God's grace; it's about receiving the fullness of His love and forgiveness. Each time we partake, we declare that we're not satisfied with spiritual snacking - we want the whole feast He provides.

Approaching communion with a clean heart means coming honestly before God, confessing our shortcomings, and receiving His forgiveness. While communion is something we share together as the church, the preparation begins long before we walk to the table. Throughout the week, we can remember Christ's sacrifice, examine our hearts, and bring our burdens to Him in prayer. We don't come because we've earned a place at the table; we come because we recognize our need for the grace Jesus freely offers. As we live in remembrance of what Christ has done, our gratitude grows, our hearts soften, and we become more aware of the spiritual nourishment He provides every day.

Bible Verse

For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again. - 1 Corinthians 11:26

Reflection Question

What is one sin, burden, or distraction you need to bring honestly before Jesus so you can come to His table with a ready heart?

Quote

"You can't do anything wrong by remembering Him through communion. Let Him feed you now."

Prayer

Father, as I come to Your table, prepare my heart to receive all You have for me. Help me approach communion not as a ritual but as a feast of Your love and grace. Amen.

Day 5: Come and See, Go and Tell

Devotional

The miracle of feeding five thousand wasn't meant to be kept secret. Those who witnessed Jesus' abundant provision were meant to share their experience with others. This same principle applies to us today - we're called to "come and see" what Jesus is doing, then "go and tell" others about His goodness. When we've been truly fed by God - when we've experienced His provision, healing, forgiveness, and love - we naturally want to share that with others. Our personal testimony becomes a powerful invitation for others to taste and see that the Lord is good. We don't need theological degrees or perfect lives; we just need to share what Jesus has done for us.

Becoming a disciple means more than just claiming Christ as Savior - it's intentionally pursuing deeper knowledge of God and sharing that journey with others. We integrate our church life around the gospel, centering everything on the reason churches gather: to celebrate forgiveness of sins and eternal life through Jesus' death and resurrection. The world is full of spiritually hungry people who are settling for empty substitutes. They need to see authentic followers of Jesus who have been truly fed by Him. When they see the difference Christ makes in our lives, they'll want to experience that same nourishment for themselves.

Bible Verse

"Come and see for yourself," Philip replied. - John 1:46

Reflection Question

Who in your life needs to hear about how Jesus has fed and satisfied your spiritual hunger?

Quote

"Come and see what Jesus is doing here in this church. Come and see what Jesus is doing with people. That's what really matters. It's not the building; it's the people."

Prayer

Lord, help me be a living testimony of Your abundant provision. Give me courage to share with others how You've fed my soul and changed my life. Amen.