

The Gospel of Matthew: We Have Only

Discussion Guide for February 14 and 15, 2026

Summary

This week's message explores Matthew 14:13–21 and the feeding of the five thousand. In a moment of grief and overwhelming need, Jesus responds with compassion and invites His disciples into what seems impossible. Faced with limited resources—five loaves and two fish—the disciples are tested. Yet through this test, Jesus reveals a Kingdom truth: when we place what little we have into His hands, He multiplies it. The miracle reminds us that God not only meets our needs but often provides in abundance. Impossible situations are not obstacles to God's work; they are opportunities for His power and purpose to be revealed.

Ice Breaker

What is something you once thought was impossible that turned out differently than you expected?

Key Verses

1. Matthew 14:13-21
2. Jeremiah 32:17
3. John 6:6

Discussion Questions

1. The setting shows Jesus responding to the crowd with compassion, even in His own time of grief. What does this teach us about the heart of God?
2. The disciples focused on what they lacked. Why is it often easier to see limitations rather than possibilities in difficult situations?
3. How have you seen God use a challenging or “impossible” situation to grow your faith?
4. The sermon states: “5 + 2 + Jesus = nothing is impossible.” What does it practically look like to place your “five loaves and two fish” into Jesus' hands today?
5. The miracle ended with leftovers—an abundance beyond what was needed. How does this challenge the way we view God's provision?

Life Application

Identify one situation in your life right now that feels impossible. Write it down and bring it before God this week. Take one practical step of obedience—however small—that demonstrates

trust in His plan. Additionally, stay connected to Christian community and invite others to walk with you as you navigate it.

Key Takeaways

1. Our God is full of compassion and sees every need.
2. Impossible situations are often opportunities for testing and growth.
3. When we surrender what little we have to Jesus, He multiplies it.
4. God is able to do what seems impossible and often provides abundantly.