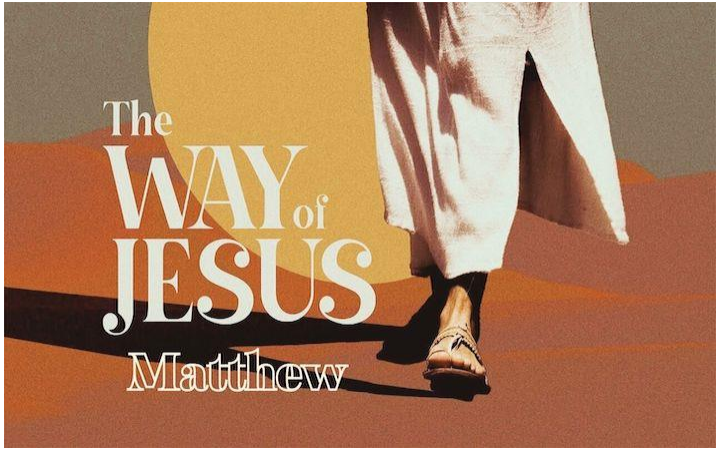


## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for Aug 6, 2023:  
The Way of Jesus - Matthew: Bread, Fish  
and The Cross



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion  
with CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** *with each other*
  - Share a time that you felt inadequate to do something that you sensed God asking you to do.
- **GROW** *in Christ*

### Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

<sup>17</sup> "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

<sup>18</sup> "Bring them here to me," he said. <sup>19</sup> And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup> The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**Matthew 14:13-21**

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- How does this passage show the importance Jesus places on prayer?
- How does it show Jesus' compassion?
- How does it show Jesus' Grace?
- How does the disciples response in verse 17 show that they were focused on themselves rather than on Jesus' miracle-working abilities that He had shown all day?
- What might Jesus be saying to you through this miracle when you are faced with a task that you feel is impossible to do?

- **SERVE** *others*

Who might God want you to help, even though you feel inadequate, so that He can minister to them through you?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**