

TALK IT OVER

MIRACLES WITH LITTLE

DIG DEEPER

In **John 6**, we find the famous passage where Jesus multiplies five loaves of bread and two fish and feeds a multitude (not to mention the doggie bags!). The same passage also contains a powerful teaching with the potential to transform your life from this moment on.

After a long day of teaching and miracles, Jesus asks Philip: "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" Philip answers: "eight months of wages would not be enough for each to have a bite." But Andrew, Peter's brother overheard the conversation, and suggested a solution (albeit incredulously). Andrew said that there was a young boy who had five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus took the little that there was and performed the miracle.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. Has knowing little or understanding little, ever kept you from sharing the gospel with someone?
- 2. With which of these three do you most identify with? Philip, Andrew, or Jesus?
- 3. What happens when you share the Bread of Life with others rather than keeping it?



SIMPLICITY

Speaking of bread, Who is the <u>Bread of life</u>? **(See John 6:35 and 48)**. When it comes to sharing Christ with others, we often stumble over similar thoughts like Philip and Andrew. We can think, "That person will never open his heart to God even if Jesus himself comes and speaks to him!" (yep... that's Philip). That kind of thinking keeps miracles from manifesting. Others may think, "Come on! What could a simple prayer and a few words of mine accomplish in that person's life?" (that's Andrew). A solution is offered, but you lack faith.

No matter how little you know, how little you've experienced, or how little you've learned, if you dare to believe God, He will work extraordinary miracles in each person you share the Good News with! Sometimes the results will be instant, other times you will have to wait many days (Ecc. 11:1), but there will always be a harvest when you share the Bread of Life with the hungry. Today Jesus asks you: "Will you cast your bread on the water?"

Class # 31

UPCOMING EVENTS

BAPTISM (Bill Baggs State Park)
NEXT STEPS

Sept. 3 (10am Pavilion A1) Sept. 5 (9am in person or via Zoom)

