

Volunteer Sunday

"Get Involved"

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Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)

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 [14] When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick [15] 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."

[16] Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." [17] "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. [18] "Bring them here to me," he said. [19] 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.

[20] They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. [21] The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

They did what they _____ to do

and then _____ did

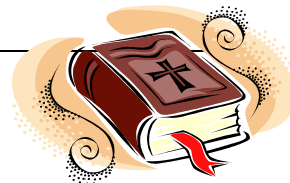
what _____ He could do.

Additional Passages for Study

Matthew 20:20-28 • Colossians 1:15-18

I Corinthians 2:1-5 • Romans 12:10-13

II Corinthians 11:5; 12:11



Guide to a Quiet Time

1. PRAY.....

Spend a couple minutes asking God to reboot your mind and conscience as you read His Words to you. Thank God for another day of life and tell Him that you will live it for Him. Ask that He would give you wisdom, insight and understanding as you study.

2. READ.... the “Additional passages for study this week”

3. ASK.... these Four Questions (Don’t forget to *answer* them!)

a. What does this say?

b. Why is this included in the Bible?

c. What should I do about it?

How do I apply this? Is this a relationship thing, a thought issue, money issue, purity issue, reconciliation issue, work issue, etc.

d. How can I remember?

Is there something to memorize or write down on a note card, or ask someone to check with you about and hold you accountable?

4. PRAY.....

a. through the passage you were in

For instance if you were reading through Daniel, you could pray that God would give you the courage and conviction that Daniel had when facing opposition.

b. through your schedule

Example - people you are going to meet with, things that need to be accomplished, and the decisions that need to be made. If there are temptations in your schedule or celebrations just ask God to go before you that day.

c. for your relationships

Pray for family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and acquaintances. You could also pray for missionaries, leaders in your church and country.

Heavenly Father, let the light of your Word shine down into the dark places of my heart. Let the promises of Your Word encourage my soul. Let the truth of Your Word reshape my attitudes, and let the wisdom of Your Word guide my decisions.