



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Miracles: The Problem of Food

John 6:8-13 | Oct 11, 2026



John 6:8-13 - ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

OBSERVATION | *What does the text say?*

1. What did Andrew identify as the available resources (John 6:8-9)?

What question did he ask Jesus?

2. Upon discovering that a boy has two fish and five loaves, outline the steps Jesus took.

3. After everyone had eaten enough, how much food was left and what did Jesus do with the leftovers?

INTERPRETATION | *What does the text mean?*

1. What do Philip's and Andrew's responses reveal about the difference between calculating our limitations and trusting Christ's sufficiency?

What does this teach us about how God uses challenging circumstances to develop our faith?

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