

Read Mark 6:37-44

**37** But Jesus said, "You feed them." "With what?" they asked. "We'd have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!"

**38** "How much bread do you have?" he asked. "Go and find out." They came back and reported, "We have five loaves of bread and two fish."

**39** Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass.

**40** So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred.

**41** Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share.

**42** They all ate as much as they wanted,

**43** and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish.

**44** A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed.

**When the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away so they could buy some food, what did Jesus tell the disciples to do instead (v. 37)?** You give the people something to eat.

**What did the disciples say?** We don't have enough money to buy food for all these people.

**What did Jesus ask the disciples (v. 38)?** How much food do you have?

**How did the disciples answer Jesus?** Five loaves of bread and two fish.

**What did Jesus do next (vv. 38-40)?** He told all the people to sit down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

**Once Jesus got the 5 loaves and 2 fish, what did He do (vv. 41)?** He prayed over the food (like we say grace before a meal) then he gave the fish and loaves to the disciples and told them to pass the bread and fish out to all the people.

**Why do you think Jesus had the disciples pass the food out?** They got to see a miracle being done right in front of their eyes which would increase their faith.

**What did the people do (v. 42)?** They ate all they wanted until they were full.

**How many left overs did they pick up (v. 43)?** Twelve basketfuls of bread and fish!

**How many men ate dinner that night (v. 44)?** 5000 men plus their families. It was a miracle! 5 loaves of bread and 2 small fish fed 5000 people!