

YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT

Matthew 14:13-21

Key Verse: 14:16

"Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.'"

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verse 13. When Jesus heard of John's tragic death, what did he do? Why did he need to be alone with his disciples? What did the crowds who followed Jesus do? Why?
2. Read verse 14. What did Jesus find when he landed? How did he regard the crowd? What did he do for them? How does he show himself to be different from most people?
3. Read verse 15. Why was the disciples' suggestion reasonable common sense? What does this reveal about them?
4. Read verses 16-17. What was Jesus' response? How was Jesus teaching them to have faith in God? How was he teaching them to have a sense of responsibility?
5. Read verses 18-21. What did Jesus and the disciples do? How did Jesus teach his disciples a coworking spirit? In what way were these lessons preparation for the task of world evangelization?