



STUDY NOTES – DECEMBER 8, 2019

Sermon Series: “*One Extraordinary Life*”

Pastor Kris preaches from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*.

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Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

Matthew 14:13–21 (ESV) — **13** Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. **14** When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. **15** Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” **16** But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” **17** They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” **18** And he said, “Bring them here to me.” **19** Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. **20** And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. **21** And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

1. **The Extraordinary Shepherd** (V. 14; Mark 6:34)

Matthew 14:14 (ESV) — **14** When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Mark 6:34 (ESV) — **34** When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

- o Life lesson: You can **trust yourself into Jesus' care.**

2. **The Extraordinary Teacher** (Vs. 15-16)

Matthew 14:15–16 (ESV) — **15** Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” **16** But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”

- Life lesson: Jesus's goal is for us to grow through thinking.

HOW TO THINK

1. Challenge the culture's accepted thinking. (Rom. 12:2)

Romans 12:2 (ESV) — **2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2. Always look to change the way you think. (Rom. 12:2)

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3. Turn your thinking toward eternal values. (Col. 3:1-2)

Colossians 3:1–2 (ESV) — **1** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

4. Take your thoughts into the captivity of Christ. (2 Cor. 10:5)

2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV) — **5** We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

5. Train your thinking to affirm **truth and virtue**. (Phil 4:8)

Philippians 4:8 (ESV) — **8** Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

3. **The Extraordinary Provider** (Vs. 18-21)

Matthew 14:18–21 (ESV) — **18** And he said, “Bring them here to me.” **19** Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. **20** And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. **21** And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- Life lesson: Jesus may not provide what we want, but **He will provide all we need.**

S.A.L.T. Group questions

- Have someone read Sunday's passage: Philippians 1:12-18
 - What truths stand out to you?
- 1. Why is it sometimes difficult to entrust ourselves into Jesus' care?
 - What are the emotional, spiritual and physical results of not entrusting ourselves into His care?
 - How can we break the cycle of mistrust?
- 2. What are the challenges we have in committing to thinking on spiritual things?
 - How can you make more time to think on biblical truth?
- 3. What are the pitfalls of the Prosperity Gospel that states that we can demand of God whatever we want and he will give it to us?
 - What advice would you give to a young believer who is disappointed that their prayers weren't answered the way they wanted them to be?

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