

Five & Two Everyday

“looking up to heaven, Jesus gave thanks and broke the bread”

1. Prayer walk around your local school
2. Prayer walk your neighborhood. Check in with neighbors.
3. Send an encouraging text with John 16:33
4. Check in on someone who struggles with anxiety?
5. Do you have a 65+ neighbor/friend/family?
6. Can you coordinate daily needs for someone who is sick?
7. Will a working neighbor/friend need childcare?
8. Do you know someone at a nursing home that needs a call?
9. Volunteer to help Richmond Public Schools still feed families at <https://www.handsonrva.org/rps>
10. Share the good news of John 16:33 & Jesus

** Do all these things keeping proper distance according to CDC guidelines and following Jesus' Mark 6:41 example*

** Our church is actively partnering with local schools for families that have needs as a result of sickness or loss of work*

Jesus Is Greater

God has already made so many promises to us about His protection, provision and love. So what else does He want to say to us now?

Mark 6:31–44 (NIV84)

Jesus said to the disciples, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”³² So the disciples went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd . . .³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late.”³⁶ Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

³⁷ But Jesus answered, “You give them something to eat.”

They said to him, “That would take eight months of a man’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass.⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.⁴¹ 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 his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.⁴² They all ate and were satisfied,⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

[v33] The disciples were in the same situation we are in now

[v36] The disciple's initial response is ours today

[v37] What Jesus tells the disciples He tells us

[v37] Like the disciples, we have forgotten

[v39] Jesus' strategy is the same for us today

[v41] We should do as Jesus did

[v42f] The same three things will happen today

Numbers 16:46

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer and put incense in it, along with fire from the altar, and hurry to the assembly to make atonement for them. . . the plague has started."

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV84)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."