



## ALL IN Growth Group Guide

### Week 5 - “Surrender”

#### GETTING STARTED

You’re doing it! You’re taking next steps, growing closer to God and moving your spiritual life forward. Congratulations! By now you’re getting the hang of these times in your group, and we hope you’re feeling strengthened by the relationships and the time learning from the Bible. In this session we’re diving deeper into the story of “The Boy with the Lunch” from John chapter 6. This kid was a hero to thousands of hungry bystanders that warm, sunny afternoon on the shores of Galilee. We learn from him that anybody can be a hero if they just surrender what they’ve got to God. What’s funny about this story is that the schoolboy schooled the Disciples on how it’s done. You can learn a lot from a child, as we’re about to see...

#### **Group Discussion:**

*Have you ever watched God do something great using an unlikely person? Why do you think God used them in such a powerful way?*

#### DIGGING IN

As a group, read John 6:1-7 and discuss the questions below:

1. Verses 2-5 paint a picture of the spiritual condition of the people coming to hear Jesus teach and perform miracles. What can you learn about “the crowd” from these verses?
  - In your own words, describe the difference between a spiritual **consumer** and a spiritual **contributor**.
2. The Disciples were Jesus’ inner circle - His ministry team. So naturally, Jesus expected them to take responsibility for the situation. In verse 5, He asked Philip, “*Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?*”

- How did Philip answer? Why do you think this question caught him off guard?
- Run the numbers - someone in the group calculate what it would cost in today's dollars to feed this crowd a single meal. Is it any wonder Philip was feeling a little panicked?
- Consider this: (1) These people weren't invited, but they needed to be fed, and (2) The disciples weren't prepared, but Jesus put the responsibility on their shoulders. What similarity to you see in our city, as we reach out to the communities around us? Should we be willing to take responsibility for helping people find & follow Jesus?

Now read John 6:8-14 and continue your discussion:

- How did Andrew's statement in verse 8 show him taking ownership and faith to serve Jesus' purpose?
  - Does it seem crazy that he would speak up with such a ridiculous offer?
  - How does Andrew's suggestion turn the tide from consumer to contributor?
- Notice Jesus' response in verse 10 to the tiny offer of 5 loaves and 2 fish
  - What does this tell you about God's attitude toward what you bring?
  - How have you let comparison keep you from doing your part in God's Kingdom?
- God always uses miracles like this to move people closer to His purpose for their lives. Check out how the crowd responded in verse 14 when they realized what Jesus had done to provide that day.
  - Can you imagine having that kind of impact on our city together? What is something you hope God can accomplish through your contribution? How can your lifestyle, your service, and your financial generosity play a part in God's Kingdom work over the next couple years?

**Write down the names of the people you want to impact for Jesus:**

Friends	Family Members	Co-Workers	Neighbors

## **WORKING IT OUT**

### **Our Mission, Should We Choose To Accept It...**

Next Sunday, March 3rd, 2019, will be an historic day in the life of our church. Our entire church, including all of our services and campuses, will bring God what we've got. It's Commitment Sunday for our ALL IN Generosity Initiative, and we are pumped to see what God will do as each of us surrenders the "loaves & fishes" He has entrusted us with.

Over the course of this week Pastor Gabe is asking each of us to pray and seek God for how we can be used to financially support His work through the ministry of Westside. This is an ALL IN journey, and our leaders have already gone before us.

- Which aspect of our church's ministry are you most excited to see expand as we come together?
- What have you been holding back that you could let go of as you go ALL IN for God this week?
- Who do you need to talk and pray with as you make your ALL IN financial commitment?

## **PRAYER**

- As you pray in your group this week, set aside a couple minutes at the beginning just to be still and listen to God. What is He saying to you? What dream has He placed in your heart? What challenge is He encouraging you to take? How is He nudging you to bring your loaves & fishes to Him so He can use you in greater ways?
- Continue in prayer for those in our community that we will have the opportunity to impact over the next 2 years. Pray for your friends, your family, your co-workers, and your neighbors by name.

## BIBLE PASSAGES

### John 6:1-7

<sup>1</sup> After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. <sup>4</sup> (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) <sup>5</sup> Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" <sup>6</sup> He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!"

### John 6:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. <sup>9</sup> "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"

<sup>10</sup> "Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." <sup>13</sup> So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.

<sup>14</sup> When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!"



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Join us this Sunday, March 3rd, for Part 6 of our ALL IN series  
as we explore the story of Noah in a message called  
"It's Time to Take Back Your Life." Bring a friend!



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