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## **Life Group Story Guide (Week 3)**

**Theme:** “How To Grow Your Relationship With GOD”, **Story Guide 3: Matthew 14:13-23** (JESUS Is Moved With Compassion)

**Open in Prayer, Welcome & Introductions**

**Review of Life Group Guidelines**

**Hook Question:**

You are given the chance to telepathically communicate a message to every human being on earth and no one would know it was you; what would you say?

**Background of tonight’ story:**

One of JESUS’ greatest miracles occurred as HE is mourning the death of a family member. After JESUS received the news of the death of John the Baptist, HIS cousin, HE got on a boat and traveled to a solitary place to spend time in prayer with HIS Heavenly FATHER. JESUS would deliberately make time in HIS busy schedule to spend time talking to GOD. This time would give HIM the encouragement and strength HE needed to continue HIS mission. While JESUS is mourning and talking to the FATHER, HE is interrupted by a large crowd needing HIS help.

**Tell the Story:** This week’s Bible passage is found in **Matthew 14:13-23**

**Rebuild the Story**

**Read the Story out loud (look for additions or omissions)**

**Questions:**

- What message is JESUS trying to convey when HE responds to HIS disciples saying, “You give them something to eat”?
- Although JESUS is grieving, HE still finds it within HIMSELF to show compassion. During your most difficult times, how do you draw strength to continue on with making disciples?
- JESUS felt it necessary to remove HIMSELF from the crowd in order to fully connect with the FATHER. How does your current environment hinder your relationship with GOD?
- The passage emphasizes the importance of solitary time spent talking with GOD. This week, what can you do to enhance your prayer life?

**Review & Retell the Story**

**Assign Next Week's Story: 1 Samuel 3:1-21**

**Close in Prayer**