

# Leader Guide

For week of January 26, 2025

Title: "Our Provider"

Text: Matthew 14:13-21

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## MESSAGE OUTLINE

### 4 Providential Principles that Reveal the Heart and Hand of God:

1. God Always Sees Our Need! (vv. 13-14)
2. God Does The Things We Can't! (vv. 15-16)
3. God Works With What We Have! (vv. 17-19)
4. God Give Us More Than What We Need! (vv. 20-21)

## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Focus on [Men's Conference 2025](#). Here's some verbiage to use to inspire your group to register: *"Men, what's holding you back from leading with strength and purpose? At Men's Con on Saturday, February 8, we're cutting through excuses and equipping you to lead like never before. Lives change at Men's Con—guys have been baptized, broken free from strongholds, and left ready to lead their families and their church. This year, RT Kendall and Pastor Ron are bringing powerful teaching, plus practical breakouts from our Pastors to help you step up. Bring a friend new to Highpoint for half price—\$40 for you, \$20 for them. Don't miss it, I want you there with me! Register at [Highpoint.church](http://Highpoint.church) or our app."*

## GROUP DISCUSSION

### SHARE: Get Them Talking

- What's a time when you were in a situation where you didn't think you had enough time, resources or strength but somehow it worked out? How did that experience shape your perspective?  
*This lighthearted "share" question is designed to help everyone feel comfortable and get the conversation flowing. Keep it fun and invite everyone to engage.*

### STUDY: Get Them In The Word

- Read Matthew 14:13-14, What does this teach us about Jesus' heart for people? How can we reflect His compassion in our daily lives?  
*Help your group see that Jesus didn't just see the crowd's physical needs-He cared for them deeply. Encourage personal application by asking how we can show Jesus-like compassion to others, even when we feel tired or overwhelmed.*
- In Matthew 14:15-16, Why do you think Jesus challenged the disciples saying "You give them something to eat"? How has God ever stretched your faith by asking you to trust Him beyond your own ability?  
*When we feel like we don't have enough God invites us to trust Him. Help the group think of real-life examples where they had to depend on God.*

## **STUDY: Get Them In The Word (continued...)**

- In Matthew 14:17-19 Jesus had people sit on the grass, reminding us of Psalm 23:1-2 “He makes me lie down in green pastures”. How does this connection deepen our understanding of Jesus as our Shepherd? What small thing can you bring to Jesus, trusting Him to use it in ways beyond what you can imagine?

Jesus didn't ask the disciples to do the miracle-He just asked them to bring what they had. This is a reminder that He is our Good Shepherd, and when we trust Him, we lack nothing. Challenge your group to reflect on what they can bring to Jesus, whether talents, time or treasures, and trust Him to use it.

- Read John 6:35 and Matthew 14:20-21. How is this miracle a foreshadow of the true satisfaction we have in Jesus? In what areas of your life can you better trust Jesus as the only one who truly satisfies?

Jesus didn't just give the crowd physical bread-He points us to Himself as the true Bread of Life. Encourage your group to reflect on where they seek satisfaction and how Jesus is the only fulfillment.

## **SUPPORT: Get Them Caring For Each Other**

- How is God calling you to listen and follow Jesus this week?
- How would you like the group to pray for you this week?

## **LEADER'S HEART**

In this passage, we see Jesus as our compassionate provider. He cares for the whole person-both physical and spiritual needs. He doesn't just perform a miracle; He invites the disciples into the process, stretching their faith and showing them that He is the one who truly provides. This passage reminds us that when we bring what we have to Jesus, He does far more than we could ever imagine.

As a leader, you have the privilege of pointing other to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Some in your group may feel like they don't have enough-whether it's faith, resources, or strength. Encourage them to bring what they have and trust Jesus to provide. Keep leading faithfully, knowing that God is using you to make a difference in His kingdom.

## **OUR PRAYER FOR YOU:**

Father, thank you for being our compassionate provider. Help us to bring what we have before you trusting that you see and care for our needs. We believe that if we have Jesus we lack nothing. In His

*“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”*

**Philippians 4:19**