

# Season 4 Study 3: Feeding the 5000

# THE BIG YEAR

*A Journey through God's Word*

*Are you managing to keep up with your readings?  
Is most of it familiar to you, or are you reading things for the first time?*

1. Which of the miracles of Jesus do you find most interesting or encouraging, and why?

## READ MATTHEW 14:13-21

2. What terrible event preceded this amazing miracle (quickly scan the passage before – Matthew 14:1-12)? What impact would this have had on Jesus disciples?
3. Where was Jesus going, and why, according to vs 13 (see **Mark 6:30-33**)? What did Jesus end up doing instead, and why (vs 14)?
4. What problem did the disciples identify in vs 15, and what solution do they offer?
5. What reason did they give as to why they couldn't feed the crowd (vs 17)? How did Jesus respond?
6. According to **John 6:9**, where did Jesus get the loaves and fish? What great spiritual (and practical) lessons should we learn from this miraculous event?
7. How many baskets were left? Where do you think the food went? Why is this significant? (see **Mark 6:31** again)

## READ MATTHEW 14:22-33

8. Why did Jesus send the disciples off without Him (vs 23)? What did He do after they had left?
9. What clues are there in vs 24-25 as to what kind of night the disciples had while Jesus was on the shore?
10. Why were the disciples so afraid when they saw Jesus on the water? Who did they think He was (vs 26)?
11. What spiritual lessons are there for us in Peter's partly successful attempt at walking on water?
12. Why did Jesus perform these miracles? What impact did it have on the disciples (vs 33)?
13. **John 6:21** records one more remarkable miracle in this amazing day – what was it?
14. What do you find most encouraging about this account of Jesus? How does this strengthen your faith today?

*And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (Matthew 14:33)*