

## 10-1-22 Facilitator – The Miraculous Feeding, Mark 6:30-44, Tim Rice

### 1. **Launchers: What is it like to feel lost?**

### 2. **Worship: Read the following passages. Pause after each and Worship Our Good Shepherd**

Psalms 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Isaiah 40:10 Behold, the LORD GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him... 11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young... 25 To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep... 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father..." 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

John 6:27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent..." 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst... 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

### 3. **Sermon Reflection:**

#### **SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD**

- What is it like to be sheep without a shepherd?
- How do you live as if you are not shepherded?
  - How have you been aimless or lost?
  - Hungry and desperate?
  - Vulnerable? (You feel the danger.)
- How do we (you) behave when you don't believe we (you) are NOT lost?

#### **THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

- Why does it matter that Jesus is our Good Shepherd?
- *When have you had someone present who made everything OK?*

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### FED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

- And what is it like to be fed by the Bread of Life?
- John Calvin, “*finitum non capax infinitum*” Grace always overflows!
  - (e.g. fill your water bottle from Niagara Falls)
- Having eaten to full satisfaction, who has the bread of life put in your life to feed this week?

### 4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: *You Can Pray With Us...***

1. Worship the LORD, who is our Shepherd. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He abides with His people; that He is *with* us for our care and as the Bread of Life that He provides for us abundantly.

2. How have you lived as if God does not care for you? Confess your unbelief and murmuring as sin against God’s goodness, asking Jesus to forgive you and change your heart to joy and gratitude.

3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to lead, feed, and defend us as our Good Shepherd. Thank Him that as our Shepherd He was willing to lay down His life for His sheep and take His life back up again (*in resurrection*).

4. Who do you know that is harassed and helpless like a sheep without a shepherd? Pray for them, asking the Lord to have compassion on them, and that He would use you (as He fed the crowds through His disciples) to care for them.

5. Ask the Holy Spirit for insight into what it means to feed upon what Jesus provides. Ask Him to teach you what it means to have Jesus’ power working on your behalf in such a way that meager human limits and resources are no obstacle for Him.

### 5. **Mission: “You give them something to eat.” Who are your 5000 (plus families) to feed?**

Look at all those in your life with compassion as if they are sheep without a shepherd and hear your Good Shepherd charge you with the task of feeding His sheep.

Feed your 5000

- Hear His command. “You give them something to eat.”
- Estimate what it would take to accomplish the assignment. - \$20,000 = 8,000 loaves of bread.
- Hear Jesus say, “How many loaves to you have? Go and See.”
- Bring whatever measly amount you have – 5 loaves and 2 fish.
- Stare at it. Feel how small you are and small what you have is.
- Sit in the impossible. Feel it.
- Put it in your hands and offer it to Him.
- Now put your friends in groups.
- Pray for them.
- Go back to the Good Shepherd and give them whatever He gives you.
- After all are satisfied. Pick up the leftovers. Count them.
- Praise God for His Goodness, Power, Wisdom, and Grace.

**Now, let’s go feed all our friends, family, co-workers, and enemies in Polk County with the Bread of Life till all are SATISFIED TO THE FULL.**