**A Meal with Jesus**

**Feeding of the Five Thousand**

**Luke 9:10-17**

Recap:

* Bad People (Luke 5:27-32, Calling of Levi (Matthew))
* Surprise Guest (Luke 7:36-50, Sinful Woman)
* A Loaded Roster (Luke 14:1-24, Wedding Feast and Great Banquet)
* Just Say No
  + Ability to Say No Sets Boundaries (vv. 29-34)
  + Ability to Say No allows us to Prioritize Needs and Values

(vv. 35-39)

Introduction:

* Luke 9:10-17
* Set the context: Mark 6:30-31
* How does this relate to my life?
* All four gospels record this event: It’s critical.
* This story helps us to understand who Jesus is. The questions of who Jesus is; is a critical question.
* But we like to base who Jesus is, according to us. Based on our circumstances. You name it.

1. The Host (vv. 10-11)
   1. Mark 6:32-34a,
   2. Shepherds know their sheep and the sheep know their shepherd
   3. Function of a Shepherd:
      1. Know: If a Shepherd speaks only that flock will listen and follow.
      2. Protects it from Predators
      3. Cares when the sheep is injured or sick.
   4. John 10:14: I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own knows me.

Who was in the crowd?

1. The Zealots
   1. John 6:15
      1. Not interested in a Shepherd
      2. They were interested in what he could do for them.
   2. We predetermine who Jesus is, what he will be in our lives and how he works in our lives
   3. We don’t follow to get to where we are going. We follow to where he is going.
2. The Disciples
   1. Matthew 14:15-18
   2. Disciples being hospitable
   3. Jesus wanted to do something in and through them that they did not have the resources for.
   4. Jesus wants to the same for us as well.

Conclusion:

* Christ is bread of life satisfying the hunger of the soul for love, forgiveness, immortality, usefulness, progress and knowledge.
* Who is Jesus? He is our Shepherd.

Moses Jesus

Wilderness Wilderness

Heavenly Bread Heavenly Bread

Sea Crossing Sea Crossing

Mountain Mountain

Freedom from Egypt Freedom from Sin