# Third Street Church

# Conference Call-Midweek Prayer and Bible Study

# Wednesday, July 7, 2020 - 6pm

To join the Study: **1-718-362-6360** Then enter meeting ID# **5797548**

**Introductions/ Welcome/ Opening Prayer: Pastor Reid**

**Opening Song: “*Praise Him”….*Anthony Brown w/ Fellowship Chorale**

*From the rising of the sun, until the going down of the same. Jesus is worthy to be praised!!*

**The Word: John 6:1-14 (NRSV) Feeding the Five Thousand**

**6**After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.**2**A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. **3**Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. **4**Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. **5**When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” **6**He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. **7**Philip answered him, “Six months’ wage would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” **8**One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, **9**“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” **10**Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. **11**Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. **12**When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” **13**So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. **14**When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

***Reflection:***

In all four of the Gospels, Jesus is recorded performing a great miracle for his followers. This miracle is known as the feeding of the 5, 000 recorded in all four gospels.( Matthew 14:13-2;Mark 6:30-44:Luke 9:10-17 and this reading in John 6:1-14).

 A large crowd began following Jesus. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down with the disciples ( John 6:3).

One of the disciples found a boy who had five loaves of barley bread and two fish (John 6:9). Certainly this would not be enough for the large crowd. But Jesus thanked God for the food and each person who gathered to see was fed. The bread and fish were multiplied until everyone ate their fill. There was even food left over (John 6:11-13). The crowd was over 5, 000. Some scholars believe that the crowd could have been between 15,000 and 20, 000 people.

Through Christ’s miracle of feeding the 5,000, we see God showing that he is big enough to shatter all our expectations and provide for our needs. God’s goodness is bigger than our imaginations. Christ multiplied the small amount of food and made it large enough to feed everyone plus more. God delights in blessing and surprising us. God uses smallness and weakness to display God’s glory. *(1Corinthians 1:27).* *But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong”.*

This miracle is also a great reminder that nothing we face here on earth is too big for God. Even standing with the King of Kings, Christ’s disciples were worried that thousands of people would go hungry ( John 6:9). No matter what comes, COVID- 19, injustice of all kinds, poverty, mental and physical illness, we must remember that God is bigger and greater than any problem we face. We must trust God, knowing God will provide for our needs. We must increase our offering to bless others. We know that God is larger than we can imagine and delights in providing for and blessing all of us.(Psalm 23:5-6).

We, like this massive crowd, are in need of God to provisions for us .We must have unwavering faith that God will provide for our every need.

***Guiding Questions for Bible Study Discussion***

Please feel free to join in during the study we all learn and are studying God’s Word together. This conference call study is not to judge but to support and fellowship as Christians in these times. We all do not interpret scripture the same, this is one reason we call this bible “study”.

1. Where does this miracle story take place?
2. Who are the characters in this story?
3. What other miracle is like this one is found in 2Kings4?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What bible character (s) are in that story?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. In **John 6:7** Philip answered him, “Six months’ wage would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” Philip has observed the crowd. Two hundred denarii was 200 days of minimum wages of the day. (NC min. wage about $7.25/hr). What does his answer say about the number of people to be fed? Could this crowd have been greater than 5,000?
2. **John 6: 11:** *"Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; also the fish, and as much as they wanted."* How does this verse related to the Lord’s Supper?
3. **John 6:12:** When they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost.” What does this verse mean to you?
4. How does **John 6:14** and **Deut. 18:15** compare when speaking of Jesus as Prophet?

**Apply God’s Word to your Life:** What healings and/or miracles have you witnessed by God in your life or lives of others? Share a testimony with someone this week.

**What Inspires you these days?**

It may seem like there is little today to inspire us. Hold on to inspiration in the midst of troubling times. Where do you find inspiration and hope these days? A song, hymn, scripture or special reading? How has it inspire you? Share with the group if you want.

﻿**Faith in Action:**. The physical church doors are closed but we are the distance church wherever we are. Give, share, pray, reach out.  ***Mission – Third Street Church is giving to the denominational offerings. This month July, please give to Pentecost Offering. We are the Church:*** Reach out , text, call, email, US mail or virtual, that is our mission as the Body of Christ.

**Evening Prayer- Lift up people and are in crisis , those that are under stress and have lost love ones, those that are isolated and are suffering.**

**Closing Song --- “*Have you Way Lord”*.. Dorothy Norwood**

*Have your way Lord, do what you want to as long as you want to. Have your way Lord. We’re here right now have your way!*

**Closing Words and Blessing ……Pastor Reid**

Thank you for joining our Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer this week! We have one more bible study this month on **July 15.** **We will not have study on July 22 and 29.**

With the Love of Christ,

Pastor Reid