

Study Notes - Feeding of the 5000 19 February 2017

Matthew 14:13-21– Richard Whitney

1. Read the story of the loaves and fish, tracing the sequence of events. When did the miracle take place? What role did the disciples play in this?
2. Reflect on Richard's statement – 'We don't have to see the miracle before we start doing what He wants us to do?' Can we think of occasions where we have been paralysed in inactivity because we have been waiting for God to act before we will? Can we think of occasions when we have been obedient and then have seen God at work?
3. Richard described his talk as a one point sermon! 'Ask what God wants you to do then step out.' How is this point illustrated in the following incidents? Water into wine John 2:1-11; miraculous catch of fish John 21:1-14.
4. In what ways do these Old Testament passages reinforce the message? The widow at Zarephath 1 Kings 17:7-16; Manna and quails Exodus 16:11-31; Crossing the Jordan Joshua 3:5-13
5. How can we avoid habitually chasing our own agenda and major on being about our Father's business?

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