

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

What's Next? Week 7

*Generosity: Why should I give?*



## CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

## GROW

- When has someone given you something (or spent time with you) and it left a big impact? What's it like to be the recipient of generosity?
- Read John 6:1-14 (back). What do you notice? What if the miracle isn't that God multiplied the food, but that God invites us into the miracle? What does it mean that God wants to partner with us?
- In countries like Ghana they have something called *hunger time*—where they wait for rain in order to have food again. Outside of food, what have you or people you know been *hungry for*? (i.e. hope, healing, reconciliation, connection) What *hungers* could the church help to eradicate, and how?
- How does seeing the world through a lens of abundance, change us? What would it look like to see others with generous hearts? How could recognizing that God wants to partner with us, lead us to supporting a church?

## PRAY

God of Grace, We thank you that you are generous to us as you have been for all people. Providing for our needs with love. Give us a spirit of abundance to share with others. Amen.



## BIBLE READINGS

### John 6:1-14

**1** Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), **2** and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. **3** Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. **4** The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

**5** When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" **6** He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

**7** Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

**8** Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, **9** "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

**10** Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). **11** Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

**12** When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." **13** So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. **14** After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."

