

Weekend message Small group study

- complementing the sermon given at St. Paul on **7/18/15 – 7/19/15**
- a meeting agenda organized per St. Paul core values
- estimated for a 90-minute meeting

Equipping “the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”—Eph. 4:12

Below is a tool to help delegate the leading/facilitating of meeting components between different small group members.

	Prayer (p.3)	Outreach (p.2)	Word of God (p.2)	Equipping (p. 3)	Worship - Our Redemption Response - (p.2)
Study component leader					

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Introduction

Mark 6:30-44 (ESV):

³⁰ “The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And he said to them, ‘Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.’ ³⁷ But he answered them, ‘You give them something to eat.’ And they said to him, ‘Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?’ ³⁸ And he said to them, ‘How many loaves do you have? Go and see.’ And when they had found out, they said, ‘Five, and two fish.’ ³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Worship – *Our Redemption Response*

5 minutes

In the form of thanksgiving to God, take a minute or two to write down 1-3 blessings God has multiplied in your life. After everyone is done, read these together. Close with “**Amen.**”

Word of God

45 minutes

1. How did you SEE God at work in your life this week?
2. What has God been teaching you in HIS WORD?
3. **Review Mark 6:30-44 (from the introduction).** Picture yourself IN the scene of the Feeding of the 5000. You are one of the characters.

Who are you?
Are you a religious leader?
Are you a member of the crowd?
Are you a disciple?
Are you a small boy with your lunch for the day, as evening is approaching?

What are you seeing around you? What is getting your attention? What are you thinking when looking at Jesus?

4. How does this story connect us to our Savior?
5. From this story, what are we seeing about Jesus that is making us want to follow Him?
6. How do we keep connecting with the Miracle Working Savior?

Outreach

15 minutes

Doing some dreaming...what bread and fish may Jesus multiply out of our group to reach multitudes in our community with Jesus' love?

Prayer

20 minutes

Share a prayer request based on what was discussed during this meeting's *Word of God* and/or *Outreach* time. What is that next step in your faith life God is calling you to make? What convicted you from God's Word and/or our discussion of His Word? Please also share a way in which the group may support/encourage you regarding what you've shared. Of course other important matters can be prayed about as well. After all have shared, pray for the person on your left (whether aloud or silently). Pray together in popcorn style (as opposed to going in order around a circle.)

Equipping for coordinating next week's meeting...

5 minutes

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