

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE:

(60-minute session—01-19-20)

Message Series: This series is about living, rather than just existing. It's about living an unlimited life in Christ. It's about confronting the obstacles that keep us from moving forward as faithful followers of Jesus. It's about challenging us to be so focused that we will no longer settle for merely existing.

TEXT: Matthew 14:13-21

1. Did you see the _____ who showed up?

What did you learn about the people who gathered around Jesus? How many people were there?

2. Did you see the _____ that came up?

What situation did they face? What was the disciples answer to the situation? How would you have responded? What kind of situations show up in our lives?

3. Did you see the _____ that was almost passed up?

What 3 words characterized the disciples? _____

Whose responsibilities is it to meet needs in the Body of Christ? How does your answer relate to your understanding of the concept of the priesthood of all believers?

4. Did you see _____ show up?

What lessons did the disciples learn from this experience with Jesus?

QUESTION: How do we unlimit compassion in our lives?

- 1.) Remember that _____ has shown _____ mercy and compassion.

How would you define compassion? Why is it so important to show compassion to people? Is it possibly to be caring and compassionate toward some people and not toward others? Why or why not?

- 2.) Build up your _____.

What does it mean to empathize with someone? What role has empathy played in your life? Discuss a time when you have experienced empathy or witnessed empathy. How did it make you feel? Is empathy something you see or experience on a daily basis?

- 3.) Learn to _____ before speaking.

What would it look like for you to be heartbroken over the sin of someone in your life instead of simply judging them?

- 4.) Recognize the _____ to compassion.

What things keep you and I from being more compassionate towards the needs of others?