

# Friend of Sinners

## Part 3: If Only...

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### Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

#### Luke 9:10-17

<sup>10</sup> When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, <sup>11</sup> but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

<sup>12</sup> Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.”

<sup>13</sup> He replied, “You give them something to eat.”

They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.” <sup>14</sup> (About five thousand men were there.)

But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” <sup>15</sup> The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. <sup>16</sup> Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. <sup>17</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

#### John 6:14

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

## **Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand**

### **Mark 8:4**

His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?"

### **Small Group Questions**

- 1) Is it easy or difficult for you to think of yourself as a friend of Jesus?  
Why or why not?
- 2) When you hear the title *friend of sinners*, what Bible stories come to mind?
- 3) What's something God might be inviting you to leverage that you oftentimes overlook?
- 4) Is there a prayer God has been faithful to answer that would be helpful for you to remember in tough seasons? What was it?
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?