

Life Apps

Personal Ministry: Change Your World

If you have ever volunteered to do something for which you felt totally unqualified, then you already know what an experience like that can do for your faith. One of the primary ways God grows our faith is through personal ministry. In this lesson, we will explore the relationship between our faith and our service to others.

Matthew 14:13–21

1. Jesus has given all of us a _____ .
2. Sometimes God puts us in _____ to help us find an Amazing Faith.
3. Once you've experienced an act of Amazing Faith, it becomes _____ in the future.

My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next week
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll step beyond my comfort zone in faith
- I want to be a part of the Directions Discipleship Course
- I'll attend the Getting Started Lunch on Sept 17 (noon)

Additional Notes

Digging Deeper and Going Further

Read Matthew 14:13–33. This passage has two stories. The first is the “Feeding of the 5000,” one of the few stories that is repeated in all four Gospels. The second is the account of Jesus walking on the water, which is found in Matthew, Mark, and John. The Gospel of Matthew is the only Gospel that includes Peter’s adventure in walking on the water.

1. Why do you think the crowds followed Jesus to this remote place? What were they looking for?

2. The crowd stayed with Jesus all day. The disciples realized the crowd would not disperse unless Jesus sent them away. Why do you think they wanted to stay there, even though it was inconvenient?

3. Why do you think the disciples hesitated to obey Jesus’ command to feed the 5000?

4. Read Matthew 14:19 carefully. In your own words, describe how the miraculous feeding took place.

5. Do you think the disciples were surprised that they were the hands of the feeding?

6. Describe a time when you were overwhelmed by a task the God asked of you.

7. If you were faithful in doing what God asked of you, what were the results?

8. What did you learn from this experience?
