

Who's Your Neighbor?

TODAY'S MAIN POINT

Our love isn't just to make us look good — it's meant to point others to Jesus.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE(S)

John 6:1-15; 35

TEACHING GOAL

When Jesus fed the 5,000, the miracle wasn't the final goal — it was a sign pointing to something greater. In the same way, our acts of kindness and compassion are not the finish line. They are meant to point people to Jesus, the true Bread of Life. Students will learn that loving their neighbor includes being ready to share the reason behind their hope.

Let's Break the Ice:

- What's something nice you've done that made you feel really good afterwards?
- Have you ever helped someone while secretly hoping others would notice?

Bible Study:

- Read Together or ask someone to summarize the story: As a group, read John 6:1-15
 - *Telos Bible Page Numbers: John 6:1-15 (pg 1039)*

Discussion Questions:

- After Jesus fed the 5,000, why do you think He later said, "I am the bread of life"? What was He trying to show them?
- Why wasn't the miracle only about food?
 - **(LEADER NOTE:** Help them see that miracles are signs that point to a greater reality.)
- Why isn't being nice enough to truly help someone spiritually?
- When you show kindness, how could you naturally point someone to Jesus?
- What makes it feel awkward to talk about Jesus after you've helped someone?

Make it Real:

- Be honest: When you help others, do you care more about how you look or about point them to Jesus? What would need to change in your heart?

**(GROW DEEPER - OPTIONAL) Discipleship Moment:
Be A Signpost:**

- This week, do one intentional act of kindness.
- Before you do it, pray: "Jesus, use this to point to You!"
- If the moment opens, mention your faith in a simple way. Engage in a deeper conversation if that's an option.

Partner Check-In: Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner at some point during the week or during your next gathering.

Prayer:

- Close with group prayer
 - Take prayer requests
 - Celebrate what God has done over the last week