

Sermon Guide – July 23, 2023

Contrast and compare the Feed of the 5000 in all four gospels.

Matthew 14:13-21

Mark 6:30-44

Luke 9:10-17

John 6:1-14

In the three synoptic gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke – Jesus tells the disciples: You give them something to eat. He gives thanks to God for the five loaves of bread and two fish, blesses them, breaks the bread, and then gives the bread and the fish back to the disciples to give to the crowd. If the disciples are a symbol of the church today, why is it significant that we, the church, are involved? That we are to get our hands on the food that Jesus offers to the world today?

In Mark, the story begins from a point of weariness. Jesus and the disciples are tired, they are fatigued. But yet, they are called to be in ministry, to offer all that they have. How are we called to be a blessing, even in our weariness?