

**Made New Series Part 1**  
**Mike Higley/Lead Pastor — August 26, 2018**  
**Key Passage: John 6:1-13; Matthew 14; Luke 9**

**1). Jesus **welcomed** everyone into His life!**

Luke 9:11 *When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing.*

Mat 14:16 But Jesus said, *"They need not go away; you give them something to eat."*

***There is no reachable state (except that one rejects the Holy Spirit) that Jesus will not have compassion on you!***

**2). Jesus gave **identity** to those who attended!**

**3). Jesus' purpose has always been to give us the **experience** of the Kingdom!**

Col 1:15 *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

*Col 1:16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*

*Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

*Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

*Col 1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.*

*Col 1:20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

*Col 1:21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,*

*Col 1:22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...*

*Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." John 6:29*

*The beauty of the feeding of the 5000—that God was with His people!*

**4). Jesus is always looking for ways to **engage** us.**

The observation about the feeding of the 5000 is that it is the perfect picture of the **Church!**

