

Harvest Weekend 2022

Harvest Weekend is the primary way The Hills Church raises funds to support our missionaries, church plants, and partner organizations as we obey The Great Commission locally and around the world. This message is from 1 of our church planters, Brent Bramer, from Slo City Church.

1. **IMMEASURABLY MORE: Read Ephesians 3:14-21.** What jumps out to you about this prayer? What was Paul praying that his friends (and you and I) would grasp about God? Follow up: We all want God to do "immeasurably more" than we could ask or imagine. Share a moment where you experienced God doing immeasurably more than your expectations and how it impacted you.
2. **SEE THE NEED.** In **Matthew 14:13-21.** Jesus gets off a boat and steps straight into the burdens of the people. What does the way Jesus responded to the crowds show us about his character? How has Jesus stepped into your burdens with you? Follow up: **Read verses 15-17.** When the disciples seem to want to disregard the needs around them, what was Jesus's charge? What needs present themselves around you that require your compassion and attention? How can you begin to respond to the needs around you?
3. **BUT WE ONLY HAVE.** Read verse 17 again, "*but we only have five loaves and two fish.*" What are the 'buts' that keep you back from seeing God do what only He can do in you and through you? What are some of the excuses we run to when charged with a responsibility? Follow up: What insecurities or fears do you face when there's an opportunity to serve or lead or make a difference? When we feel like what we have to offer won't matter what should we do? Where should we go with those feelings?
4. **BRING IT TO JESUS.** In **Matthew 14:18-19** Jesus invites us to "*bring them to me.*" Why did the disciples bring what they had to Jesus? What do you have that you can bring to Jesus to meet the needs around us? (Time, talent, treasure, etc.).
5. **ABUNDANT BLESSING.** Brent shared, "*God can take who you are and what you have and do immeasurably more than you could ever imagine... when you trust him with it...*" Why is it often hard to trust God with who we are and what we have? What happens when the disciples bring who they are and what they have to Jesus? Follow up: What might God be calling you to do? What might God be calling you to give? How might God bless you and bless others when you "*bring what you have*" and put it in Jesus hands?

