

# the HOME SHEET

this week's topic:  
**GROW • GATHER • GIVE**



## I. CHECK-IN



- Check-in with each other. How is life? What is happening? How is everyone doing?
- Check in about last week's challenge:  
*To identify and practice what your small group can do to help bring about the diverse kingdom of God.*

## II. SCRIPTURE

### Matthew 14:13-16:

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." **Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."**

### Matthew 15:32-38:

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for the crowd because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat, and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way." The disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?" Jesus asked them, "How many loaves have you?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled, and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children.

## III. PRAYER

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

## IV. CHALLENGE

Similar to last week, what are some ways you can serve both in and outside of the church? Notice the impact that can happen, if everyone puts this into practice.

**Be prepared to share about this next week.**

## III. DISCUSSION

- In the Matthew 14 scripture above, Jesus works through the disciples to feed people. How might Jesus be working through you to serve in our community?
- What changes in the disciples between the Matthew 14 and Matthew 15 readings? What does this change look like in your own life?
- At Mid City Church, giving has two facets:
  - Actively participating in serving inside the church (hospitality, worship, greeters, etc.).
  - Actively participating in serving in our community (this includes missions and financial giving). How do you serve in these ways?
- Taylor asks, "if Mid City Church ceased to exist, would the community notice?" What do you think? How would our community be different without Mid City Church? How can we improve?
- What are some ways you see Mid City Church helping to bring about the diverse Kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven?