

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

February 26, 2023

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

WELCOME

HYMN #207 We Have Come to Join in Worship

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 2:13-17

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #11 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

HYMN #340 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

HYMN #563 Open My Eyes That I May See

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN ##595 I Give All to You

CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

Nursery - Newborns to Age 2

Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8

This Week at Robertsville

Sunday..... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Announcements

Tri-State Bible Camp - Thank you for your contributions to Tri-State Bible Camp. A total of \$970.00 was received. For the Maintenance Department, we purchased a PVC & PEX Cutter, Flooring Saw, Laser Level, and 10 Ft. Step Ladder for \$726. The excess money will be donated to the General Fund at Tri-State.

Ladies Retreats at Tri-State Bible Camp:

Theme: Jesus, Anchor of My Soul

Friday - Saturday, April 14 - 15. Speaker: Debi Pryde

Friday - Saturday, April 21 - 22. Speaker: Amy Herbster

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand - Matthew 14:13-21 **Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.**

After the death of John the Baptist, Jesus sought a place of solitude and rest. It was not long before a great crowd followed Him (verses 13-14). He saw the crowd and was moved with compassion. Even though He had desired solitude, He willingly met the people's physical and spiritual needs. So, why did the crowd follow Jesus?

Many who followed Jesus had physical needs and illnesses. Although this was not their greatest need, Jesus healed them. The spiritually needy followed Jesus, because they understood something was missing in their souls. They understood only Jesus' words would truly satisfy. Everyone has a spiritual need. Many who followed Jesus were thrill seekers looking for a show of miracles. They had no concern for their physical or spiritual needs and could care less about Jesus' message.

A large, hungry, and exhausted crowd had gathered. It was time for the evening meal, but they were far from a source of food (verses 15-17). The disciples wanted to send the crowd away, but Jesus challenged them to provide what was needed.

No one in the crowd could provide all the food required. All the disciples had come up with was five loaves and two fish. They had no financial resources and no food source. The crowd of 5,000 men, plus women and children could have totaled over 25,000. Jesus was the only one who could provide (verses 18-21). When the disciples obediently gave Him what they had (five loaves and two fish) and followed His instructions, all were fed. Not just fed, but filled and satisfied, and there were twelve baskets of food left over.

Jesus knew that He would soon be going to the cross, and He wanted to use this event to prepare His disciples for their responsibility to feed and meet the needs of the people. Are we willing to give what we have and let God bless it to supply our needs and use it to serve others as well? What do you have in your hand that can be used for God? Give Him your whole heart. He has a job for each of us who are willing to be used. Be faithful, and God will multiply your ministry.