

## **TWO FEASTS (Matthew 13:53-14:21)**

**CONNECT**—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask. For example, if you could play one professional sport, which one would you play and why?

### **DISCUSS**

What most stood out to you from Justin's sermon this past week? What was one of your big takeaways? Justin described the Kingdom of God as both now and not yet at the beginning of his sermon. How have you experienced that to be the case?

**Read Matthew 13:53-58 (Note: we did not cover this in the sermon.)**

What stands out to you about these verses?

Why do you think it was so hard for those who grew up with Jesus to believe that He was God? Familiarity can breed boredom and contempt. How does our familiarity with Jesus in Southwest Missouri have negative spiritual consequences for us?

**Read Matthew 14:1-12**

What stands out to you about these verses?

What are some of the ways that you would describe Herod's feast?

**Read Matthew 14:13-21**

What stands out to you about these verses?

What are some of the ways that you would describe Jesus' feast?

Why is it good news that Jesus felt grief at John's death? Why is it significant that "all ate and were satisfied"?

Justin suggested that all four gospels include the feeding of the 5000 because it is a physical picture of a spiritual reality. In what ways, does Jesus feeding the 5000 here mirror what happens for Christians when they come to Christ? How have you noticed spiritual hunger in our culture or in your life? How has Jesus specifically satisfied your spiritual hunger?

**RELATE**—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week? What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week? What is one action step that you are going to take this week in light of this discussion?

**IMPACT (Invite, Engage, Share)**

Who is one person that you are going to invite to church next week?