

# “Kingdom Builders”

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**In this week’s study, we watch Philip and Andrew’s conversation with Jesus as it teaches us something about having faith in what Jesus can do. Then, we will see how this plays into our participation in Kingdom Builders.**

## Start Here

- Pull out your phone. What is the one app that you use the most and why?
- What is one thing that God has done in your heart through meeting together as a Life Group this semester?

## Going Deeper Into the Message

### Read John 6:1-14

#### **Point 1 – Step out in faith with what I have, instead of telling God what I lack.**

As we read the story we see the two different responses among the disciples, that of Philip and Andrew.

John 6:7 records Philip seeing the problem of many hungry people following Jesus and saying to Christ: **“It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”**

Essentially, Philip is saying to Jesus, “The task is too big for us! It would cost too much.” He was crunching numbers instead of leaning into the power of Jesus to do more than we ever could imagine! Isn’t that like us? Sometimes we are caught up doing the math for God instead of seeing how He might be prompting us to dream about meeting a need that seems impossible.

Then there was Andrew. John 6:9 records Andrew saying: **“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”**

His question is humble and honest: “How far will these loaves and fish go?” What we have a hard time grasping is that God honors this kind of faith that is willing to put what we have into His hands. We can learn from Andrew’s faith in this story as we think about our participation in [Kingdom Builders](#).

Why even bring up that you have a few fish and some bread, when you’re needing to feed thousands? Doesn’t it make you look dumb? That’s like saying: “Hey I know we have a few thousand hungry people at this concert, but I have a cheeseburger. Does that help?” “Hey I know we need \$1M dollars but I just have \$50. Does that help?”

And thanks to Andrew’s faithfulness—God MULTIPLIED what the boy had with the loaves and fish! He multiplied it all so much that everyone didn’t just get a bite to eat, a snack to tide them over till breakfast, they got more than enough!

**What if I stopped thinking about what God can’t do with what I have, and started living with a mindset of what God can do with what I have?**

After all, God doesn’t need risk-analysts—He wants risk-takers!

### Questions for Group Discussion or Personal Reflection

- What is something about the story (John 6:1-14) that sticks out to you? What are some details you would highlight, circle, or underline? Why those?
- When was there a time when you thought your contribution to something wouldn’t make a difference? How did God prove you wrong?
- What does it look like to be a “risk-taker” instead of a “risk-analyst” when it comes to taking steps of faith? How can we take bold steps without neglecting the everyday needs we have?

**Point 2 – Join the adventure with Jesus in meeting the world’s needs.**

Matthew 26:53 says: “Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?” God doesn’t need us to accomplish His will here on earth, but He wants us. He could feed all of the hungry. He could heal all of the sick. He could house all of the homeless. He could clothe all of the poor. But He wants to bless us through our obedience. He wants to give us opportunities to take care of His children, our brothers and sisters. He wants to teach us to increase in love. That happens most strongly when we actively participate and show the love of God to others. “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me’” (Matthew 25:34, 40).

He wants to increase our faith as we see first hand how He accomplishes the impossible when we are faithful to do what we can. Mother Teresa says, “Do for one what you wish you could do for all.” The work seems overwhelming at times. It seems like the problems are too big for us to fix on our own. **But the key is that we are not on our own.** God doesn’t expect us to solve the problems on our own. He gives us a vision and desire and He expects us to be obedient to that calling. He will supply what we need, when we need it, whether it’s resources, or a team of people. “And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19). Do not give up in doing good, for the reward will be worth it. “But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded” (2 Chronicles 15:7).

### Questions for Group Discussion or Personal Reflection

- What adventure of faith is God calling you to? What is one thing you can do this week to start answering that call?
- How has God increased your faith when you have been faithful to do His good works? What did that look like?
- Have you ever asked God to bless you for being obedient? Why or why not? What would you like to see God do through you? It’s okay to dream here.

**—FINAL CHALLENGE QUESTIONS—**

How are you going to think differently in light of what you have read, heard, and discussed this week?

What is one thing you are going to change in your life in light of the sermon?

**BONUS:** For those of you with kids or around kids: What is one truth from this message that you can share with your kids?