**Mark 6:38-42 But He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they found out they said, “Five, and two fish.” 39Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. 40So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. 41And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave *them* to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among *them* all. 42So they all ate and were filled.**

This past week was a great Revival. It was a blessing. But just because we’ve completed the schedule of Revival, it does not mean that Revival is complete! We may be done with the dates, but God is not done with us. How many in here have awakened on a cold winter’s morning to a fire that has burned to embers? If you haven’t, you’ve missed out. I used to hope that I saw a nice glowing ember in those gray, gray ashes! I’d place dry wood on it and then I’d kneel down and I’d blow on that ember. And it’d get brighter, and hotter, and smoke would begin to wisp up. And I’d blow and all of a sudden a flame would burst up, and soon a fire was blazing… but I needed the ember. Did God find an ember in you during Revival this week? Can you feel Him blowing gently across it? Is it heating toward an all out blaze? I hope so. I hope so.

Our scripture this morning is a very familiar story. 5000 fed, using 5 loaves and 2 fish, from 1 little boy. Verse 38 *But He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they found out they said, “Five, and two fish.”,* but John 6:9 adds that these came from a lad. Today, we’re going to focus on the bread.

Verse 39 - *Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass.*John 6:10 *adds Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.* When the Lord is our Shepherd, the 23rd Psalm, verse 6 tells us that - *He makes me to lie down in green pastures*. The literal meaning of this is *He makes me lie down in pastures of tender grass.* He commanded these hungry sheep, who had followed Him to this place, to relax in the tender grass.

Verse 40 *So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties.*Notice, He didn’t seat them socially distanced, one by one, to eat alone and wait for Satan to come and devour them! He seated them to be fed in groups – Luke 9:14 says, *For there were about five thousand men. Then He said to His disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of fifty.* That almost sounds like a country church – Lifeway reports that 69% of churches have between 50 and 100 members. Jesus taught the need for fellowship. It’s nearly impossible to fellowship with 5000 people, but finding fellowship in 50 is easy!

Verse 41 *And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all.* John 6:33 says - *For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.* John 1:14 tells us in part *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.* John 6:35 says - *And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.* Bread represents the Word of God. Jesus, the very Word of God, calls Himself the bread of life. Though there was physical barley bread being passed among the people that day, never let it be lost on us that the very bread of Life was giving out something even better. And when we come to Him, we never hunger spiritually again! John 4:10 says *Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”* John 7 says *He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”****39****But this He spoke concerning the Spirit,* When we believe and drink from the living water Jesus offers, we never thirst again.

Take notice who delivers the bread. Is it Jesus running around frantically, trying to give everyone a piece of bread? No, it says - *and gave them to His disciples to set before them.* Who brought the bread, the very living word of God, to the groups of people sitting in the grass? The disciples. Who is commanded to do that very same thing today? His disciples. Who are His disciples today? We are! We are! How do we know that? Listen to John 8:31 - *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.* When we abide in Jesus word, we become His disciples, just as surely as Peter and James and John.

So, let’s draw this out to it’s logical conclusion. The disciples delivered the bread, the word of God, to the people that day. That was their job… to deliver the bread! If it was their job then, it is our job now! We are to be delivering the Bread to the spiritually hungry. Time is growing short and all disciples need to be working in the field! We must deliver the bread, but we must first abide in the bread! Abide in His word, He is the Word become flesh, He is the bread of life. All disciples deliver, not just the under-shepherd, as it is given to them.

This week, let’s examine how we’re delivering the bread Jesus charges us with? Are we delivering effectively… or is our truck broken down on the side of the road? All hands need to be delivering like we’re on fire for the Lord, an ember brought to blaze by His living breath, so all will eat and all will be filled before the day comes when it is everlasting too late.