

Saturday

Take a moment to read through this week's memory verse. How does this verse fit with our study this week?

What does it mean to find your sufficiency in Christ?

How can that truth grow your faith?

Please pray for our services this weekend. Pray that as we begin our new series in the book of Daniel our church will be challenged by Daniel's example to stand strong no matter what we face. Thank God for His love for you and ask Him to continue to mold and shape you to be more like Him.



WEEK 5

Trusting Jesus Is Enough

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The lead up to today's passage . . .

- Jesus asks the disciples to feed over 5000 hungry people.

The disciples respond: "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."
Matthew 14:17

- A little while later, Jesus asks the disciples to feed over 4000 hungry people.

The disciples respond: "Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?" *Matthew 15:34*

In both instances, we see _____ .

1. _____ means _____ .

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. He replied. . . "A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah." Jesus then left them and went away. *Matthew 16:1,4*

- There's a difference between _____ and _____ .

2. It's not _____ but _____ .

When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread. "Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." *Matthew 16:5-6*

- The Pharisees trusted in their _____
- The Sadducees trusted in their _____
- Ask: _____ ?



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3. _____ is more important than _____ .

They discussed this among themselves and said, “It is because we didn’t bring any bread.” *Matthew 16:7*

Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, “You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? Do you still not understand? Don’t you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? How is it you don’t understand that I was not talking to you about bread?” *Matthew 16:8–11a*

Bottom Line: _____

Daily Meditations

Monday

Please read Matthew 14:14–21 and 15:29–38. What similarities are there between these miracles?

What is something that stood out to you in last weekend’s sermon about trusting God?

In what way are you currently struggling to trust that Jesus is enough?

Thank God today for giving you the Bible and the opportunity to learn more about who Jesus is. Talk to Him about the area(s) you’re struggling to trust that Jesus is enough. Ask Him to use this week’s study to encourage you and to help you grow in your trust that Jesus is more than enough.

Tuesday

Please read Matthew 16:1–4. What attitude was Jesus rebuking the Pharisees for?

Why do you think people are more willing to trust God than Jesus?

What doubts have you struggled with recently (or maybe even currently)?

What do you think the difference is between having doubts and being demanding of God?

How does being demanding of God impact you emotionally and spiritually?

Thank God today for His patience with you. Pray that you will grow in your love and trust of Jesus. Talk to God about any doubts you may be facing and confess any ways you’ve been demanding of Him. Ask Him to help you grow in your relationship with Him and how you handle your doubts.

Wednesday

Please read Matthew 16:5-6. The “yeast” Jesus wanted His disciples (and all of us!) to be careful of was teachings that promote personal righteousness or sufficiency. In the case of the Pharisees and Sadducees, they trusted their own religious zeal and sense of importance.

How about you? This is a very important question to consider — what or whom do I trust? Second, and maybe a more revealing question, what do your actions and words reveal about what or whom you trust?

Thank God today that He loves you — no matter how you’re struggling with trusting Him. Pray that you’ll grow in your desire to trust Jesus over all (and everyone — including yourself) else!

Thursday

Please read Matthew 16:7–11. Jesus keeps bringing the discussion back to trusting Him, not “bread”. How are you tempted to trust in what you have (things, prestige, skill, intelligence, money, family, etc.) instead of God?

It can be tempting to “coast” through the easy times of life, seemingly getting by on our own. However, when tough times hit we discover we haven’t grown our “faith muscle”. How can you daily — in good times and bad — trust Jesus and grow in your belief that He is truly all you need?

How could a daily walk of faith impact your life?

Thank God today that all you truly ever need is Jesus — the One who will never leave you or forsake you! Pray that you will live a life of daily faith whether you are in good times or bad. Pray that you will grow in your ability to believe the truth that whom you have (Jesus) is more important than anything else.

Friday

Please read Psalm 73:25–26. Read these verses through several times slowly and allow them to soak in. How do these verses fit with what we’ve been studying all week?

In what way do these verses challenge you?

In what way do they encourage you?

Thank God today that He is with you. Pray that the verses you read to today will grow to be your heart’s desire.



Memory Verse

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God. *2 Corinthians 3:5 NIV*