

Life Group Notes
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Speaker: Adrian Hurst

Title: Bring What You Have

Passage: Matthew 14:13-21

The gospel changes everything! The cosmos has been changed by it and It has power to change society.

Matt 14:13-21

- 'You give them something to eat' said Jesus to his disciples. "We have ONLY five loaves here and two fish.
- Bring what you have got, who you are, what you do, where you are placed and ask God to multiply it.
- We are to be those that cause others to 'taste and see that the Lord is good'
- We need to kick the word 'ONLY' out of our vocabulary

PERSPECTIVE kicks out the word 'ONLY'

- Matt 5:13-16 (Message translation describes how Christ followers reflect 'God colours' and bring 'God flavours' to those around them)
- We are to bring God colours to earth
- NT Wright 'We are to colonise earth with the life of heaven'
- Show people what Jesus looks like
- We cause the life of heaven to break into life on earth
- Flavours and colours = Hope, Love, Comfort, Justice, Mercy, Healing, Belonging, Forgiveness, Peace, Beauty, Safety, Honour. (Rev Ch. 21/22 paints a vivid picture of what Jesus' rule and reign looks like)

PRIVILEGE kicks out the word 'ONLY'

- Every person **uniquely** placed to God colours/flavours where they are
- **Value** what you do/Where God has placed you
- **Celebrate** with one another. This removes comparison/competition

PURPOSE kicks out the word 'ONLY'

- Our purpose, wherever we are is to cause others to 'taste and see that God is good'
- We limit what God can do through the small.

Get rid of the only

Ask God to multiply what you have

Remember George and his boots and shoes. One act of kindness that is still bearing fruit 4 generations later!

Questions:

- *What encouraged/challenged you most from Adrian's preach?*
- *How could you uniquely reflect God's colours/flavours to someone in your world this week? Who could you do that for?*
- *Who is your George? (Encourage one another with how God got hold of you)*
- *Pray for one another; opportunity, boldness, fruitfulness, joy and obedience even in the small.*