

## QUEST – 52 – Week 16

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### KEY POINTS:

- It is remarkable how the needs of the people drove Jesus's ministry. This is a powerful model for us to follow in prioritizing "sheep without shepherd".
- The feeding of the five thousand is symbolic of Jesus's entire ministry as the Messiah, which explains why all four gospels tell the story.
- When Jesus fed the five thousand, he demonstrates his deity as described in Genesis 1:1. When he walked on water he demonstrated his deity as described in Genesis 1:2. He is both provider and protector.

### QUESTIONS:

After reading the essay, make a list of people you are responsible for in each of these categories: teaching, healing (or physical safety), feeding.

Read Exodus 16 The story of manna in the wilderness. What lessons or guidelines about manna are given in Exodus 16 that you could apply to your relationship with Jesus?

- What is the busiest season you have ever been through? What sustained you through it?
- How should this teaching, healing and feeding model of Jesus's ministry inform the way you deal with people you lead?
- What individual groups would you describe as "sheep without a shepherd"? What could you do to lead or feed them?
- Are you spiritually hungry right now? How are you feeding on Jesus? What does he do to meet your spiritual, physical and emotional needs?