



Loving Community
August 15, 2021
Next Steps

Opening Prayer:

God of love, we invite you into this place.

Jesus, we light this candle as a sign of your presence.

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten us.

We pray that we keep our hearts and minds open to new ideas and that we may grow in our understanding of your ways.
Amen.

Quote: *The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. Coretta Scott King*

Breaking the Ice:

When you were a kid, what did you bring for lunch at school?

Wrestling with the Word:

Read John 6:1-13

- What was the reaction of Jesus, Andrew and Philip to the needs of the crowd?
- Why did Jesus want to feed the people? Why not just let them prepare their own food? Are there other biblical examples of God providing food for people in need?
- What is the significance of the boy offering his lunch? How might this inspire the ways we can show love to our community?

Next Steps:

- How might we be like the crowd, seeking our needs to be met? How might we be like the disciples, unsure of how to meet the needs of the crowds? How does following Jesus change us?
- How do we live out this call from Jesus to feed our community? How is that done in love?
- Can you name a time when God provided more than you needed? How did this come about?

Prayer for the Week:

Generous God, we thank you for this community where you have placed us at this time. We pray for those who are suffering, those in need, those without hope. Inspire us to use what you have provided to overcome the obstacles we face. Give us hearts that are confident that needs will be met when we bring them before you. Direct us in the way to serve in your name. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.