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FELLOWSHIP

TWELVE BASKETS FULL

John 6:1-6

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- **Jesus had his disciples sit the people, after which he multiplied the bread and fish among them.**

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- How did this miracle take place? Who knows, but what's amazing to us is not amazing to God.

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- Jesus, however, was submitted to his Father alone and thus withdrew into the hill country.**

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- **May the Lord take our loaves and fish and do extraordinary things; may he provide enough for us to pick up twelve baskets full of leftovers!**