Everything Belongs Sunday, June 5th, 2016

We were challenged to accept and acknowledge the significance of the **imperfect** moments in our story. Through painful moments God both provides for our needs and reveals himself as a Savior sent from our Father above.

- Are you a person drawn towards the messy or imperfect in any specific way?
- In your opinion, Is this a good quality to have? Why or why not?

Read the events of Jesus feeding the 5,000 from all 4 Gospels and compare the stories. Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:31-44, Luke 9:10-17, & John 6:5-15.

- In what ways does Jesus express his humanity through these events?
- Is there anything in these passages stands out to you individually?

Our reaction to the desolate place is to often run from it. Yet, **God is forever using this place of pain as a meeting place** to meet our needs.

- How could our modern luxuries leave us vulnerable to missing the soul work necessary to deal with pain, loss, or tragedy?
- How has God met a need for you in the midst of great pain and struggle?

To the imperfect, the suffering, the weak; **the Son of God is revealed.** His grace to meet the need in the moment, points us to a greater gift. His own life points to an eternity of Grace offered to us.

- How do the imperfect moments in our lives hold the potential to point us towards Christ as a Savior?
- As much as you are comfortable sharing, what parts of your past are hard for you reconcile with still?
- In what ways do the hard time in our lives belong with the great times?