

**“I’m Not There Yet...”**  
Series: *No Perfect People Allowed*  
(Part 4 of 4)

**Discussion Starter:** If you could go to any restaurant in the city, where would you go and why?

**Explore:** Read John 6:1-15 then answer the questions.

Before His death, Jesus performed countless miracles while on the earth. None, however, touched more people at one time than when He fed over 5,000 people (we have no idea how many women and children) at once.

1. Why were the crowds following Jesus (vs. 1-4)?
2. What key question did Jesus ask Philip (vs. 5-6)? Why did Jesus ask Philip the question?
3. How did Philip and Andrew respond to Jesus (vs. 7-11)? What role did the boy play in this miracle?
4. In what way did this miracle affect the people who were in the audience (vs. 12-15)?

**Reflect:** Review the LG and discuss the questions below.

1. In your own words, summarize what it means to hunger and thirst for righteousness.
2. At what point in your life did you first begin to crave spiritual things? When did you begin to seek the one true God? Is there a difference?
3. Has your spiritual appetite increased or decreased over the past 3 months? What kinds of activities have done the most to grow your heart for God? ...curb your heart for God?
4. The Bible is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. Which one do you think is more important, hearing the word or doing the word? In what way has God’s Word changed your life?
5. Give group members a chance to practice Psalm 42:1-2. Encourage members to spend time praying privately to God for 10 minutes. Afterward, come back together for group prayer. Ask members to describe their experience.

**Live:**

As a group: Sub-group into gender friendly groups (guys and gals) and answer the following questions. What one thing has been keeping you from experiencing God on a regular basis? Has your appetite led you in the wrong direction? Pray for one another in this area of your life.

On your own: Memorize James 1:8. If you haven’t done so, consider spending time reading the Bible on a daily basis (Life Journal is a great tool for this).

## Listening Guide Notes

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” –Matthew 5:6 (NIV)*

**Your unstoppable quest...**

1. Everyone is hungry.

*“Men do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his hunger when he is starving.” –Proverbs 6:30 (NIV)*

*“He has also set eternity in the hearts of men.” –Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)*

2. Your activity determines your appetite.

<sup>[44]</sup> *“Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.’* <sup>[45]</sup> *You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.* <sup>[46]</sup> *You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.* <sup>[47]</sup> *Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.” –Luke 7:44-47 (NIV)*

3. You can train your taste buds.

*“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” –James 1:22 (NIV)*

4. Your appetite is leading you somewhere.

*“The laborer’s appetite works for him; his hunger drives him on.” –Proverbs 16:26 (NIV)*

<sup>[1]</sup> *“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.*

<sup>[2]</sup> *My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?” –Psalm 42:1-2 (NIV)*

*“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.’” –John 6:35 (NIV)*

*“Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.” –Psalm 34:8 (NIV)*