“The Kingdom is all about us learning to live in a posture of receiving from God. John the Baptist said in John 3:27 “A man can receive nothing, unless it has been given him from heaven.” – Barry Adams, Little Children Are Good Receivers

John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

• Joseph believes the angel of the Lord.  
  Matthew 1:20-24

• The Magi (wisemen) obeyed the warning in their dream.  
  Matthew 2:12

• The Voice of the Lord is always speaking.  
  Matthew 10:27

• Jesus asks His disciples questions.  
  Matthew 9:4–5  
  Matthew 12:34  
  Matthew 15:1-2

• Jesus introduces parables.  
  Matthew 13:10–18  
  Matthew 15:36

• Jesus feeds 5000 miraculously.  
  Matthew 14:12-14
• Jesus feeds 4000 miraculously.  
  Matthew 15:29-38

Chapter 14
  ➢ 5000 men plus women and children
  ➢ 5 loaves and 2 fish
  ➢ the multitude sat on the grass
  ➢ Jesus was in Bethesda
  ➢ The people wanted to make Jesus the king
Chapter 15
- 4000 men plus women and children
- 7 loaves and a few fish
- the multitude sat on the bare ground
- Jesus was in Decapilus (Mark 8)
- afterward there was no mention of making Jesus the king

Matthew 16:1–12

Red Sky

The leaven of Pharisees and Sadducees represents ________________________ and ________________________.

Matthew 16:13-17

__________________________, who do you say that I am? Who am I to you?

The Lord won’t answer a “why” question because it's a ________________________ question and in Kingdom of Heaven, the King never sees you as a ________________________.

Luke 10:19
John 16:33b
1 Corinthians 15:57
Romans 12:21
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So instead of why, we ask the God “what”?

- What is it about you, Father that you want me to know and understand personally?
- What do you want to be for me in this circumstance, Jesus?
- What do you want to reveal to me in or about this, Holy Spirit?
- What promise do you have for me for this situation?

Asking “what” can lead to answers that have power to change, believe, understand, and more.

“God is good is more than a positive thought, a theological concept or a Biblical statement. What you do with those three words defines your reality and determines your destiny.” - Bill Johnson, God is Good

Further Study:

1. Read Matthew chapters 15-19

2. Set aside time every day, for at least week, just to listen to God; listening for His questions and asking Him some of your own.

Samples as You Learn to Listen to God’s Voice Through Questions:

- Father - is there is something that you want to say or share with me today?
- Jesus – what is it that you want to be to me in this situation? (And don’t be surprised if He turns that around and asks you, What is it that you want or need Me to be?)
- Holy Spirit – would you reveal truth to me about this situation?

Then, with either question, write down what you hear in your head. If it doesn’t contradict the word of God, and you may need to ask someone you trust about that, then believe what you heard! And I often ask for the Holy Spirit to confirm what I hear with a Bible verse.