

John 6:9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

1. The boy gave generously.

2 Corinthians 8:2 "Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity."

2. The boy gave willingly.

2 Corinthians 8:4 "They urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints."

2 Corinthians 8:12 "For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have."

C. We need to give our praise to the Lord!

Psalm 9:1 "I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. ^[2] I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High."

2 Chronicles 16:34 "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever."

John 6:35 "Jesus declared I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:41b "... I am the bread that came down from heaven."

John 6:48 "I am the bread of life."

The Lord Provides!

Mark 6:30-44

Lesson #24

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I. Jesus and the Apostles were greeted by a crowd.

A. They had a demanding ministry schedule.

****Mark 6:30** "The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to Him all they had done and taught."

****Mark 6:31a** "Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat,"

B. They were directed to withdraw and get some rest.

****Mark 6:31b** "... He said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

****Mark 6:32** "So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place."

C. They had to delay their rest.

****Mark 6:33** "But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them."

John 6:2 "And a great crowd of people followed Him because they saw the miraculous signs He had performed on the sick. ^[3] Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples."

II. The crowd had great needs.

A. This crowd was faced with major needs.

1. The crowd had spiritual needs.

****Mark 6:34** "When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things."

Luke 9:11b "He ... spoke to them about the kingdom of God"

2. The crowd had some physical needs.

Matthew 14:14b "... Jesus ... healed their sick."

****Mark 6:35** "By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late."

****Mark 6:36a** "Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

B. The Apostles were told to meet those needs.

1. They were to supply food to meet the need.

****Mark 6:37a** "But He answered, "You give them something to eat."

John 6:5 "When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"

John 6:6 "He asked this only to test him, for He already had in mind what He was going to do."

2. They were shocked by the potential cost to meet the need.

****Mark 6:37b** "... They said to Him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

John 6:7 "Philip answered him, "Eight months wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

III. The Apostles were reminded of the greatness of God.

A. God uses our meager resources for His glory.

Mark 6:38 "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

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B. God gives the ministry details, so we know what to do.

****Mark 6:39** "Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass."

****Mark 6:40** "So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties."

C. God met the needs of a multitude.

****Mark 6:41** "Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all."

****Mark 6:44** "The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand."

Matthew 14:21 "The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children."

****Mark 6:42** "They all ate and were satisfied."

Matthew 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

D. God multiplied the gift of the giver.

Mark 6:43 "And the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish."

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. We need to give our time to help people.

Philippians 2:4 "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

B. We need to give our resources.

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