

Loaves and Fish
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon
and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.
For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the
questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships.
Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[Mark 6.30-44, ESV]

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹ And taking the five

loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Revival is spelled one way: W-O-R-K.

Every time we open the Word and begin to teach, it's an act of compassion.

He cannot multiply what we don't recognize.

The blessing was in the not enough, but the miracle was in the breaking.

FOR MONDAY—

1. Begin to change your confession to a greater level of faith and gratitude. (Stop cursing what you expect God to bless.)
2. Recognize some God provision, and ask Him to multiply it.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. Have you ever travelled to the “other side” of a situation or season hoping for a break?
2. What are some “but God” reasons you tried to put before God about why you couldn't respond to his leading? (your limitations before God's supernatural ability)

3. What do you have that God can use or multiply?
4. Why do you think it was the little boy that wasn't counted that provided the ingredients for the miracles that count?
5. Why did God have the broken pieces collected after feeding the multitude? (exactly 12 basketfuls) Why did he have them physically grab them and put them in their sacks? (Take the evidence of yesterday's miracle into the boat of tomorrow's storm.)
6. How does a faith posture about the character and faithfulness of God carry us through each new challenge and storm?