

LUKE 9:10-17 *Jesus Feeds 5,000 Men*

INTRODUCTION

The disciples just got done experiencing the power of Jesus through extraordinary ministry, yet are unable to connect the dots to the ordinary meeting of needs. In this passage we see the grace of God through the meeting of practical physical needs that is just as miraculous as work of healing, preaching and casting out of demons.

DISCUSSION

When have you seen God meet practical needs in an extraordinary way?

EXPLANATION

- Recap what the disciples have seen and experienced since the beginning of chapter 8.
- How is their experience at odds with their doubt in the ability to feed the people?
- Where is their focus that contributes to their doubt?
- What does Jesus' prayer reveal about his dependence on the Father?
- Who distributes the food and collects the leftovers?

APPLICATION

- What are you focused on when you have trouble trusting God for practical needs?
- Imagine that you are one of the disciples on this hillside... What is going through your mind as you pass out the food and collect the leftovers?
- How is this an act of grace to the disciples?
- How does God want to use us to display His glory in this manor to our neighbors?