



FOR THE **OUTCAST**

FIVE THOUSAND REASONS

Luke 9:10 – 17

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MESSAGE NOTES

On their return the apostles told Him all that they had done. And He took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. When the crowds learned it, they followed Him, and He welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. – Luke 9:10 – 11 (ESV)

Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to Him, “Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.” But He said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish – unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” For there were about five thousand men. And He said to His disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” And they did so, and had them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces. – Luke 9:12 – 17 (ESV)

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- **Saying “Yes” to Christ even when others can’t see it**

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” – Isaiah 6:8 (ESV)

– **We serve Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leave the results up to God.**

- **Giving God what you have even when you can’t see it**

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” – John 6:9 (ESV)

...And He said to His disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” And they did so, and had them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. – Luke 9:14 – 16 (ESV)

“...My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. – 2 Corinthians 12:9 – 10 (ESV)



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...
— Galatians 5:22 – 23

**Faith doesn't always take you out of the problem;
Faith takes you through the problem.
Faith doesn't always take away the pain;
Faith gives you the ability to handle the pain.
Faith doesn't always take you out of the storm;
Faith calms you in the midst of the storm.
Amen — Author Unknown**

- **Inviting the Holy Spirit to multiply what you give even when you don't now how He is going to do it**

...Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces. — Luke 9:16 – 17 (ESV)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: If you were in charge of God's miracles, what miracle would you want to see happen?
- What is God speaking to you about from this passage?
- When you think about needs in our community and needs in your current sphere of influence that God may want you or ENCOUNTER to touch in a greater way, what types of things come to mind?
- Read John 6:35. What did Jesus mean when he said, "I am the bread of life"? How does Jesus being the "bread of life" relate to Luke 9:10 – 17?
- The Feeding of the Five Thousand is a powerful miracle story. It is a story of God using an ordinary person to do an extraordinary thing. Where might God be leading you to give something over to Him so that He can multiply it?
- Tithing and generosity are often steps of faith for us whether we feel we have a lot or a little. How does God multiply our generosity through the giving of our tithes?
- Luke 9:10 – 17 is all about serving Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the result up to God. In what area of life is God leading you to serve Him in meeting a need, but you or others are having a hard time seeing it?
- Pray for God to multiply His work in your life and in the life of our church family.