

have a little.' But He said to them, 'How many loaves do you have? Go and see.'

One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 'There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?' And they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. Then He said, 'Bring them here to Me.'

Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'Make the people sit down in groups of fifty.' And they did so, and made them all sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. Now there was much grass in the place.

Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looked up to heaven; and when he had given thanks He broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to those sitting down; and the two fish He divided among them all. So they all ate as much as they wanted and were filled.

So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, 'Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.' Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets full with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, 'This is truly the Prophet who is come into the world.'

Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away."

How is it done?

1. It is sometimes done when you are tired and feel you don't have the time to help.

Which question is best?

- a. Do I want to do this?
- b. Can I do this?
- c. Should I do this?

2. It should be motivated by a heart of compassion.

3. It must always keep the greatest need in mind.

4. It happens when we give and do what we can believing God is always able to do what needs to be done. - *Philippians 4:19*

5. It is to result in Jesus getting the credit and people knowing who Jesus is. - John 20:30-31

So What..... Are we meeting needs ?

“The Truth About Meeting Needs”***Luke 9:10-17***

Jesus Feeds the 5,000— Matthew 14:13-22; Mark 6:30-46;
Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15

“And the apostles, when they had returned, gathered to Jesus and told Him all that they had done and what they had taught.

After these things Jesus said to them, ‘Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.’ For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. Then He took them and went aside privately. So they departed— over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias— in a boat by themselves to a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.

But the multitudes saw them departing, and followed Him because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. Many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them.

And Jesus when He came out, went up on the mountain, and there He saw His disciples. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes and saw a great multitude coming toward Him; and He was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. And He received them and began to teach them many things about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.

When the day was now far spent and it was evening, the twelve disciples came to Him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread and lodge and get provisions; for they have nothing to eat.’

But Jesus answered and said to them, ‘They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.’ And He said to Philip, ‘Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?’ But this he said to test him, for He Himself knew what he would do.

Philip answered Him, ‘Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat? Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may