



## Picnic Preview with the Provider

Lesson 4 • Luke 9:10-17

*What is the strangest or scariest place you have eaten a meal?*

### What Is the Big Idea of the Picnic Preview with the Provider? **Luke 9:10-17**

*Our Sovereign Savior supplies and **SATISFIES** our needs as we serve the needs of others for His sake!*

**Even Bigger Idea:** This picnic with the Provider is a **PREVIEW** of His kingdom feast to come! *Luke 9:1-36*

### The Picnic Preview with the Provider

#### 1. Kingdom **PREACHING** with Kingdom Power Before the Picnic. *Luke 9:1-9*

- **Good News:** The Kingdom of God is **PROCLAIMED** with **POWER**. (9:1-6)

Jesus **SENDS** the Twelve to *proclaim the kingdom message* and *perform kingdom miracles*. (v. 1)

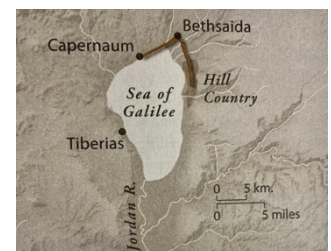
1. The mission is to **PROCLAIM** the “*kingdom is near because the King is here*” with powerful proofs. (vv. 1-2, 6)
2. The message is to call sinners to **REPENTANCE** and trust in God’s King. (5:32; 24:47)
3. The messengers must **DEPEND** on others to provide food and lodging. (v. 3)
4. The measure of response is **WELCOMING** the King’s “sent ones” or not. (vv. 4-5)

*Those who make room in their hearts for the King will make room in their homes for His messengers!  
Kingdom hospitality is the measure of receiving the King and His message!*

- **Bad News:** Those who want to be **SELF-RULERS** will reject God’s King. (9:7-9)

1. Herod’s **CONFUSION**: He “*hears but does not understand.*” (vv. 7-8)
2. Herod’s **CURIOSITY**: He wants to “*see*” but not “*follow.*” (v. 9)

- **Time Out:** Jesus **WITHDRAWS** to a “desolate place.” (9:10)



#### 2. Kingdom **PROVISION** by the Kingdom Provider During the Picnic. *Luke 9:11-17*

- Jesus **WELCOMES** a multitude of “deplorables” who follow Him into a desolate place. (v. 11)

1. The people are **following** Jesus to this desolate place.
2. Jesus is **hosting** them to meet their greatest need with the only cure. (Luke 15:1; 5:31; 19:10; 7:34)

- The Twelve **PANIC** when it's time for supper but there's not enough food. (v. 12-14a)
  - "Now the day was ending"** (9:12)
  - 1. The Irony of the "Sent Ones": **ORDERING** *Jesus to send them away!*
  - 2. The Insistence of the Gracious Host: "You **FEED** them!"
  - 3. The Impossibility of the Staggering Need: "**NO WAY** we can provide for so many!"
- The Royal Host **PROVIDES** more than enough for everyone with plenty of leftovers. (vv. 14b-17)
  - 1. The Host **ORGANIZES** the picnic and **MULTIPLIES** the provisions.

**What Is the Provision?**

**How Does Jesus Provide the Provision?**

**How Did the Miracle of Multiplication Take Place?**

- 2. The provision is **MORE** than enough for everyone!

Our King is a **GRACIOUS** and **GENEROUS** Host!

*Jesus not only says grace over the meal but also shares grace at His table!*

Everyone eats until they are **SATISFIED** with plenty of **LEFTOVERS** for the servants.

*The King's provision at the picnic powerfully supplies and personally satisfies everyone with more than sufficient leftovers for His servants!*

### 3. Kingdom **PURPOSES** Are Fulfilled in the Kingdom Preview After the Picnic. *Luke 9:18-36*

- The *revelation* that the picnic Provider is **GREATER** than any prophet.
  - Jesus is **greater** than John the Baptist: *He's not the Forerunner but the One who has come!* *Luke 7:20*
  - Jesus is **greater** than Moses: *He's the Prophet greater than Moses!* *Exodus 16:18; Deuteronomy 18:15*
  - Jesus is the **greater** Elisha: *He's the King who is anointed with the sevenfold Spirit!* *2 Kings 4:42-44; Isaiah 11:2*
  - Jesus is **greater** than any prophet: *He's the King who fulfills all the prophecies!* *2 Corinthians 1:20*
- The *confession* by Peter that Jesus is God's **KING**. (vv. 18-20)
- The *prediction* by Jesus of the kingdom **GOSPEL**. (vv. 21-22)
- The *explanation* by Jesus of kingdom **DISCIPLESHIP**. (vv. 23-26)
- The *transfiguration* of the King in **GLORY** as God's Son. (vv. 27-36)

#### **Show Kingdom Hospitality to the Hungry as Servants of the King!**

*Our Sovereign Savior supplies and satisfies our needs as we seek to serve the needs of others for His sake!*

- Be GRATEFUL: Say grace** over your meal for the provision of the gift from the Giver.
- Be GRACIOUS: Share grace** at your table with others by proclaiming His gospel.
- Be GENEROUS: Serve grace** up to others who greatly need what the King keeps giving you!

*"Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:9-11*