



Feeding the 5000

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// Bible References: John 6:5-7, 25-27, 35-36, 53-59, 66-69; James 1:2-4, 8-14; Luke 9:16-17

// Community Question: If you have a significant other, is celebrating Valentine's Day a must?

// Discussion Questions

1. Jim explained that testing from God is meant to make us stronger, while temptation aims to make us fail. How does Jim's explanation of testing versus temptation change your perspective on difficult situations in your life? What current challenge in your life might be a test from God to strengthen your faith rather than a temptation to defeat you?
2. What strikes you about the disciples ending up with 12 baskets of leftovers after starting with almost nothing? Where in your life are you holding back resources (time, money, talents) that God might want to multiply through your faithful giving?
3. Why do you think Jesus chose to feed the 5000 through His disciples rather than simply performing an instant miracle? In what ways might God be asking you to be part of His miracle-working process in someone else's life?
4. **Going Deeper:** Read John 6:68-69. What can we learn from Peter's response to Jesus when others were walking away? When following Jesus becomes difficult or costly, what keeps you committed to following Him?

// Challenge: What is the "I can't feed 5000 people" size problem in your life? What area of your life do you feel like God is asking you to trust Him with? Can you commit to pray this week and ask God how He wants to satisfy your needs?