

- **Believe that nothing is too small for God to use**

“He replied, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They answered, ‘We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.’” **Luke 9:13 NIV**

- **Believe that nothing is impossible for God to accomplish**

“He said to His disciples, ‘Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’ The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to Heaven, He gave thanks and broke them. Then He gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.”

Luke 9:14b-17 NIV

“God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.” **Ephesians 3:20 NIV**

“On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove His people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, ‘Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him and He saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.’” **Isaiah 25:6,8b-9 NIV**

Next Week...

Open To All Who Feel Unfocused



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Feel Unexpected

“The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” **Luke 19:10 NIV**

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” **Mark 10:45 NIV**

“The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’”

Luke 7:34 NIV

“When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then He took them with Him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, but the crowds learned about it and followed Him. He welcomed them (had compassion on them) and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who needed healing.”

Luke 9:10-11 NIV

Expanding My Confident Expectance

- **Believe that nothing is too big for God to handle**

“Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to Him and said, ‘Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.’ He replied, ‘You give them something to eat.’” **Luke 9:12-13a NIV**



This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our message-based Community Groups to do this study together. Visit the Groups table after service to find a group!

LESSON AIM: The aim of this lesson is to find Jesus at the table when we feel unprepared.

BELONG in God's family:

CHECK IN: (optional) Let's briefly share with each other how we've been doing this week.

OPENING PRAYER

ICEBREAKER: Share about a time when you felt unprepared. How much of our preparedness depends on us? How does God enter into situations where we feel unprepared?

BECOME like Jesus:

1. Sunday's message focused on the feeding of the 5,000. How did Jesus demonstrate for His disciples how to deal with the "unexpected" with grace? What specifically did He do that we could seek to emulate in a practical way?
2. Read Luke 9:1-6,10. From where were the apostles returning? How do you think the apostles felt about the encroaching multitudes? Jesus? How would you feel?
3. Read 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Luke 9:10-17. Beyond the obvious, how are these two passages similar to one another? How do they differ? What relation can you see between the two, and how does it relate to Jesus' ministry? Do you think that those that were present at the feeding of the 5,000 would have been aware of this story? Would it matter?

4. What lessons can we draw from the disciples' role in the feeding of the 5,000? Do you ever feel like God is asking you to give more than you are capable of giving? How did the disciples respond to the enormity of the task at hand?
5. In verse 13, Jesus commanded the disciples, "You give them something to eat." What can we infer about Jesus' expectations of His disciples? How is this significant in light of the fact that they had just returned from partaking in a miraculous time of ministry (v6)?

BLESS others:

What projects can your Community Group be involved in to help people in need?

BUILD God's kingdom:

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. How does this passage encourage us to have the faith to move forward and minister to others even when we feel unprepared or unqualified to do so? Does our lack of feeling prepared limit what God can do?

BELIEVE God and act in faith:

Is God calling you to reach out beyond your own capacity to do so? If so, how? If not, is there some way in which you can reach out to others in such a way as would allow room for God to do the miraculous?

PRAYER: What challenge are you facing this week? How can our group pray and support you?

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