

## Message Notes

### JESUS part 8: Dinner on a Budget

Matthew 14:13-21

→ from carpentry to flying a spaceship

**#1 The best you have to offer doesn't always seem to be good enough.**

→ "You just need to believe in yourself." Really??

→ the disciples are led to wrestle with inadequacy - **vs. 13-16**

**#2 Your deficiency can be the perfect opportunity to learn about God's sufficiency.**

→ 5 loaves & 2 fish - **vs. 17-21**

**#3 Jesus wants you to bring what you have.**

→ Jesus will use what you bring

→ Jesus knows what He's doing - **vs. 19**

**#4 Bring what you have.**

**Trust Jesus with outcomes.**

## Group Questions

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1. Share a time when the best you could bring didn't seem like it was good enough. What lessons did you learn through that experience?
2. *You can accomplish anything if you just believe in yourself.* Is that good message, a bad message, or both? Explain.
3. **Read Matthew 14:13-14.** Explain why these verse help us better understand the depth of Jesus' compassion. What kind of applications might we draw from these verses?
4. **Read Matthew 14:15-16 & John 6:5-6.** John records that Jesus asked questions and got the disciples involved because he wanted to test/teach them. What was Jesus trying to teach them?  
  
What have you learned about God during times of trial or inadequacy? What questions about God remain?
5. **Read Matthew 5:17-21.** What strikes you most about how Jesus went about feeding the 5000+?
6. **Read Psalm 139:13-14.** It's easy to focus on our weaknesses or to be consumed by what we can't do. In those moments, what are some things to remember from these verses?
7. Jesus want you to bring what you have. What's one skill or talent that God has given you that you could use better or more?
8. "Outcomes" in life aren't always what we were hoping or praying for. What are some things to remember that will help you even as you face outcomes you wished were different?