

“You give them something to eat”

From the series on the Gospel of Luke entitled “the red letters”

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In a large group...

1. Describe a time when you have been at your capacity and you were confronted with another challenge or demand. What was going through your mind?

In small groups (4-6)...

Observation

2. Read Luke 9:10-21. Use the back of this page (or better yet, a white-board!) and list the order of events in Luke 9 to this point.

Interpretation

3. Read vs. 10 carefully again. What is remarkable about the apostles communication (especially in light of Luke’s account in Acts 17:27)?
4. Describe the irony in the fact that the disciples told Jesus to send the crowds away and that Jesus told the disciples to give the crowds something to eat.
5. Recall the disciples question from Luke 8:25: *“Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”* How does the feeding of these 5000 answer that? How might it confirm that Jesus is the Messiah?
6. Why the leftovers?

Application

7. Is Jesus into running his disciples ragged? Why did he push them beyond their limits? What does that mean for us? How do we find rest (Matt 11:28)?
8. Why is it important to act regardless of the disparity between our ability and the need before us? (When have your limits completely stopped you from engaging with a need?)

Prayer: Read 1 Peter 4:10-11 and pray it for the person on your left.