

Group/Individual Study

Series: Questions Jesus Asked: "How many loaves do you have?"

Passages: Mark 6:34-44

REFLECT on the message heard Sunday, 11/5

1. Read Mark 6:34-44. Jesus put the disciples in a tough spot. He called them to feed the people--and they knew they didn't have what it took to pull it off. Have you ever had God lead you into a situation where you knew that what you had was not enough? Have you ever experienced God miraculously providing and getting you through?
2. The difference between what we have and what is required is sometimes referred to as the "God gap." Is there a place in your life where you are having to live consistently with a "God gap?" What do you see in this story that could give you strength and faith to walk that out?
3. Living with a "God gap" isn't easy; it requires trusting God to come through even though the "five loaves and two fish" we've got to contribute isn't enough. But a life where it seems that we have all we could ever need--where there is no "God-gap"--also contains spiritual dangers. What do you think some of these might be?
4. This lesson of trusting Him to provide seems very important to God. It was one of the very first things He taught His people as they crossed the desert--having to trust God to provide manna one day at a time. Who do you know that seems to have learned this lesson well? How does their faith affect you/others?
5. Have you ever said "yes" to a ministry opportunity knowing that apart from God coming through, you couldn't pull it off? What was it like? Where did your faith grow?
6. If you were to start living life with full confidence that God would come through and provide with His best for your life, how would it change things? What burdens would lighten? What might you take on for God that you are currently scared to step into?