

## SERMON NOTES: THE FEEDING OF THE 5000

**Series:** Luke: The Gospel of Knowing For Sure

**Date:** November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Text:** Luke 9:10-17

**Theme:** Assurance of Provision in the midst of the mission

### 1. An Impossible Supper

a. A compassionate \_\_\_\_\_

b. A pressing \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. A test of faith

a. A confession of \_\_\_\_\_

b. A challenge to recognize Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Meanings in a Miracle

a. Our inadequacies are not \_\_\_\_\_

b. More than a \_\_\_\_\_

c. The twelve \_\_\_\_\_

## SMALL GROUP HOME WORK:

*These questions will help prepare you for your Small Group session this week – so bring your answers with you to your Small Group meeting.*

### RELATE:

Share with the group if you feel comfortable an inadequacy you feel in your life.

### REFLECT:

1. Even though Jesus has other plans, Luke 9:11 says, “And He welcomed them.” Read between the lines. What values and priorities does Jesus hold that causes him to “welcome them”?
2. Why do you think Jesus decided to feed the people rather than dismiss them earlier?
3. Why didn't he create bread and fish from nothing? Why did he ask the disciples to find what they could? What is the significance of the command, "You give them something to eat"?
4. When the apostles claim, “impossible,” how does Jesus respond by His example? What is God asking you to do that you are tempted to peg as “impossible”? And why do you think it is “impossible”?
5. How is this miracle of Jesus similar to the one performed by the prophet Elijah in 2Kings 4:42-44? How is it different? What would Jews, familiar with this Old Testament story concluded about Jesus?
6. The disciples obeyed Jesus and gave the food out to the people. What happened then? How much good food was left over? How did the people feel after they had eaten?
7. If you had helped pick up the leftover food, what would you have been thinking as you walked around picking it up?

### RESPOND:

In what way does this miracle challenge you to trust Jesus for His provision in reaching “impossible” people you know for Christ?

When you talk with someone who needs hope and courage, tell them about this group and invite them to come with you next week.

“This group does not exist for us.” Put an Empty Chair in the middle of your prayer circle with a supply of invitation business cards on the chair for people to take and use.