



THE GOSPEL OF  
**LUKE**



# LUKE 9:10

**On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida.**



# Principle

**When Faced with Crushing Problems, we often Focus on OUR LACK instead of HIS SUFFICIENCY!**



# LUKE 9:12-15

**Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place." But he said to them, "You give them something to eat."...**



# LUKE 9:12-15

**...They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." And they did so, and had them all sit down.**



# John 6:5-7

**When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Eight months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each**



# LUKE 9:13-17

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# LUKE 9:13

**They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people"**



# Mark 6:37

**They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"**

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# John 15:5

**"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.**



# LUKE 9:14-15

**Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." And they did so, and had them all sit down.**



# LUKE 9:16a

**And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them.**



# Principle

**Even the Smallest Offering, with the Blessing and Power of Christ, can meet the Greatest Need!**

**The Greatest Human Offering, without the Blessing and Power of Christ, will be Utterly Insufficient for even the Smallest Need!**



# Spurgeon

**Truly, he who writes this comment has often felt as if he had neither loaf nor fish; and yet for some forty years and more he has been a full-handed waiter at the King's great banquet.**



# Ryken

**The feeding of the five thousand reminds us not to forget that God is not limited by our inadequacies. Rather, our very limitations can display the glory and the grace of Jesus Christ whenever he does what we are unable to do: His power is made perfect in our weakness.**



# **LUKE 9:16b**

**Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.**



# LUKE 9:17

**And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.**



# Maclaren

**The pieces grew under his touch, and the disciples always found his hands full when they came back with their own empty.**



# Wiersbe

**The miracle took place in His hands, not in theirs; for whatever we give to Him, He can bless and multiply. We are not manufacturers; we are only distributors.**



# Principle

**Not Only is Christ SUFFICIENT...He  
SATISFIES.**



# Deuteronomy 8:3

And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.



# Ryle

**The heart of man can never be satisfied with the things of this world. It is always empty, and hungry, and thirsty, and dissatisfied, till it comes to Christ.**



# John 6:35

**Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst"**

LUKE

