

## **“Give Them Something To Eat”**

Luke 9:10-17

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. . . Seek to be someone whom people can welcome. (The disciples) offered them hope for liberation, and offered them the opportunity to have their lives, to have their world, transformed by the love of God. . . .

(Jesus) had a love that showed there was no reason to fear scarcity. . . . God is at work in the midst of what we have. If we take what little that we have, as scarce as it seems – if we break it and we give it away, and we share what God has placed in us – then there will be enough and an abundance left over! . . .

First do no harm. . . . Then do something yourself with the resources you have. . . . As they used it, (Jesus) multiplied it. . . . Put your all in. Collaborate. Rely on God to provide whatever’s missing! . . .

When we begin to give ourselves away in radical new ways, God’s transforming power can transform us in radical, new ways. . . . The disciples went out and discovered that the Spirit could bring out gifts in them that they didn’t even know that they had. . . .

Extravagantly generous congregations . . . connect money to mission, and then God moves people to give in order to define purpose and accomplish things. . . . The people act like they believe what they are saying! . . .

If we step out in the confidence of what God is doing with us, we can touch people’s lives. . . . God is at work! Allow God to use us!