

A HEART LIKE JESUS (May 14, 2017)

She Packed His Lunch (John 6:1-15)

Small Group Study Notes

Getting to know you: Since Mother's Day has arrived (May 14) tell us a little bit about your mom: something you appreciate about her...something she taught you...something fun or funny you remember?

OPEN: Jesus and His disciples were looking for a little rest and relaxation but it was short lived. Where do you go to find rest? What model does God give us for rest (creation, Sabbath)? Explain why this is important.

Read John 6:1-15

- All 4 Gospels record the feeding of the 5000. Can you locate this in the synoptic Gospels?
- What time of year does this take place?
- What tragic event just occurred that suggests Jesus and His disciples might need some rest and relaxation?
- What time of the day is it when the feeding of the 5000 occurs?
- What's on your "impossibility list" right now...what seems unlikely unless God steps in?

Three responses to faith:

1) The Meticulous Response (well planned, well thought out, precise).

- Why do you think Jesus singled Philip out?
- What was Philip's response concerning how to feed this crowd?
- Who is most likely to stick closest to the budget in your family?
- Do you ever feel constrained or restricted because of your budget?
- What would you do for the Lord if you knew money wasn't an issue?

2) The Ridiculous Response (crazy, absurd, what are you thinking?)

- Have you ever attempted something that seemed crazy to other people? Explain:
- What disciple brought the little boy to Jesus? Do you think he felt "silly" doing so?
- This little boy would talk about this the rest of his life. How might we involve young people in eternal altering events?

3) The Miraculous Response (define miracle)

- What O.T. event would this mirror that would serve proof that Jesus is Messiah?
- Do you thank God for your food before you eat (at home and in public)?
- How did Jesus involve His disciples in this miracle? What application might this have?
- What do you think they did with the 12 baskets left over?
- What was the crowd's response after they had eaten and were full?

CLOSE:

- What impossible situation are you facing?
- Are you more like Philip or Andrew? Explain.
- Perhaps it's true, a mom packed her son's lunch...how can moms prepare their children to be used by God one day?
- What questions do you have about this lesson?
- What encourages you and how will you put these truths to practice?

❖ Why don't you and another member of your group (same gender) do lunch sometimes this week?