Luke 9:10-17 10/22/17

## "You Give Them Something To Eat" Sermon Notes

Through this miracle of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus shows His disciples and us His divine work
1. After a very short, Jesus continues His ministry (v.10-11)
2. When it seems, Jesus shows His compassion. (v.12- 15)
3. Jesus God as the of this provision. (v.16-17)
4. What is seen beyond this miracle is that is the of (John 6:25-40)

## **Community Group Study Guide**

For the Week of October 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

## Please read Luke 9:10-17.

- 1. In verse 10, Jesus takes the apostles and withdraws to a town called Bethsaida (which was outside the jurisdiction of Herod Antipas).
  - a. Do you think he was trying to withdraw from the crowd, or from Herod (see verse 9)? Please explain your answer.
  - b. Does Jesus' response to the crowd in verse 11 make sense in light of your answer? Please explain.
  - c. Where did the crowd come from? Were they people from the area around Bethsaida?
- 2. In verse 12, the disciples point out to Jesus that they are in a desolate place where there is no food for the crowd.
  - a. How can the town Bethsaida be a wilderness place?
  - b. If the crowd was from the area, why would they need food and lodging?
  - c. Can you think of an Old Testament event when a great crowd was in a desolate place with no food? (See Exodus 16:1-4; 2 Kings 4:42-44)
  - d. Compare this meal with the first heavenly meal in Exodus. (See Exodus 16:13-21)
- 3. In verse 16, Jesus says a blessing over the loaves and fishes.
  - a. Is he asking for a blessing or providing one? Please explain your answer.
    - (1). Does the fact that he looks up to heaven help in making your determination? Why or why not?
    - (2). Is the blessing for the loaves and fishes, or the crowd? Please explain.
  - b. He also breaks the bread.
    - (1). What are some other episodes where breaking bread is prominent? (See Luke 22:19; 24:30)

- (2). What does this episode have in common with those?
- 4. In verse 17, Luke tells us that all ate and were satisfied.
  - a. Has Jesus previously promised to satisfy the hungry? (See Luke 6:21) Please explain.
  - b. What does the fact that there was so much left over indicate?
  - c. How is this different from the incidents with Moses and Elisha?
  - d. Is there any prophetic significance to Jesus' ability to provide food in abundance? (See Isaiah 25:6; 65:13; Psalm 81:10; 132:12)
  - e. What has Jesus been teaching the crowd about prior to this miracle? (See verse 11)
  - f. Compare this with the message of the apostles when they were sent out. (See verse 2)
  - g. Is the feeding tied to the teaching? If so, how?
- 5. In the sections immediately preceding this section, those involved are debating who Christ is. (Luke 9:7-9; 18-20)
  - a. What does this passage have to say about who Jesus is?
  - b. Would Herod have been more or less perplexed if he knew what was about to happen?
  - c. Was Peter more or less certain of Jesus' identity after this incident and why?