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Message 2

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► Outline

You provided bread from heaven for their hunger; You brought them water from the rock for their thirst. You told them to go in and possess the land You had sworn to give them.
Nehemiah 9:15 (CSB)

A. Introduction

(Nehemiah 9:15; Matthew 14:2)

B. Participating in God's work calls for...

1. _____ your _____.
(Matthew 14:13-17; Philippians 2:5-8. C/R: Luke 2:52;
1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

2. _____ God's _____.
(Matthew 14:18-20. C/R: Malachi 3:10; John 17:1)

3. _____ the _____.
(Matthew 14:20b-21. C/R: Luke 22:18; Revelation 22:17)

Answers: 1. Embracing, limitations 2. Expecting, leadership 3. Enjoying, leftovers

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you felt grateful this week.

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Matthew 14:13-21.

1. Jesus needed time alone to grieve the death of his friend (John the Baptist). But instead of finding solitude, He was followed by a large crowd (vs. 13-14). How did He respond? How would you have responded?
2. Has there ever been a time when your struggle enabled you to feel deep compassion for someone? Reflect on what happened. What are ways you could cultivate a life of compassion?
3. Describe a time you questioned either God's power or His desire to act. Did that deepen or weaken your faith? Explain.
4. The disciples came face-to-face with their own limitations when Jesus told them to feed the crowd (vs. 15-16). Think of a time you sensed God asking you to do something beyond your understanding or ability. How did you respond? What happened?
5. When the crowd finished eating, the disciples collected 12 baskets of leftovers (one for each of them). What lesson do you learn from this?

6. When have you seen God do something you never expected? Who did you tell?
7. What do you think the disciples learned that day?
8. What's God teaching you? How will this passage strengthen your relationship with Him?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. We hope these practices will become a regular part of your life so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

Jesus has the desire and power to meet our physical, spiritual and emotional needs. What do you need most today? Begin each day this week asking God to provide for you beyond what you can provide for yourself.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: Nehemiah 9:15

Day 4: Psalm 34:8-10

Day 2: Luke 22:14-20

Day 5: Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 3: Philippians 4:18-20

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, July 10, we'll continue our series titled *extraORDINARY*.

To prepare, read **Matthew 14:22-33** and **Mark 4:35-41**.



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