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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
GRACE ON THE GALILEE
Episode 3: The gift of MORE.
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John 6:1-15 CEV

¹ Jesus crossed Lake Galilee, which was also known as Lake Tiberias. ² A large crowd had seen him work miracles to heal the sick, and those people went with him. ³⁻⁴ It was almost time for the Jewish festival of Passover, and Jesus went up on a mountain with his disciples and sat down.

⁵ When Jesus saw the large crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, “Where will we get enough food to feed all these people?” ⁶ He said this to test Philip, since he already knew what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered, “Don’t you know that it would take almost a year’s wages^[b] just to buy only a little bread for each of these people?”

⁸ Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the disciples. He spoke up and said, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five small loaves of barley bread and two fish. But what good is that with all these people?”

¹⁰ The ground was covered with grass, and Jesus told his disciples to have everyone sit down. About five thousand men were in the crowd. ¹¹ Jesus took the bread in his hands and gave thanks to God. Then he passed the bread to the people, and he did the same with the fish, until everyone had plenty to eat.

¹² The people ate all they wanted, and Jesus told his disciples to gather up the leftovers, so that nothing would be wasted. ¹³ The disciples gathered them up and filled twelve large baskets with what was left over from the five barley loaves.

¹⁴ After the people had seen Jesus work this miracle, they began saying, “This must be the Prophet^[c] who is to come into the world!” ¹⁵ Jesus realized that they would try to force him to be their king. So he went up on a mountain, where he could be alone.”

**{Aside from the resurrection, this story is the
only miracle recorded in all four gospels.}**

Jesus didn’t send the people away when He needed time alone: Vs. 1-5a

“Jesus went up on a mountain with his disciples and sat down. When Jesus saw the large crowd coming toward him...”

- **Even with the wrong motives, Jesus will have time for you.**

Jesus asked Philip where the food would come from: Vs. 5-7

“... He asked Philip, Where will we get enough food to feed all these people?”

- **Jesus asks us questions to strengthen us and teach us.**

Jesus wants to involve us in what He does: Vs. 9

“There is a boy here who has five small loaves of barley bread and two fish.”

- **God doesn’t take our abilities, knowledge, and status into account.**

Jesus' math is better than ours: Vs. 10-11

“... Jesus told his disciples to have everyone sit down.....everyone had plenty to eat.”

- **Jesus will give us more than we ask for.**

There is a reason for everything Jesus does: Vs. 12-13

“The disciples gathered them up and filled twelve large baskets...”

- **It is not a coincidence that 12 baskets were leftover and there are 12 disciples.**

THREE MAIN POINTS:

1. Jesus asks us to bring Him our little, and then He gives us *MORE!*

2. Jesus cares about us *MORE* than we care about ourselves!

3. Jesus is *MORE* than enough!

Food for the journey: Use these questions and challenges to go deeper in reflection or in one of our community groups.

1. What's something new in this story that you have never noticed before?
2. What stands out to you about Jesus' character from this story?
3. Why do you think God put this story in all four gospels?
4. How does this story personally challenge you?
5. What miracle are you praying for?

Our Next Invitation Event Is Dec. 24 Christmas Eve. Pray about who you might invite.