



Use the questions below to help extend the impact of the weekend message. They are not only useful in your LifeGroup, but try discussing with your family, friends, and co-workers for even greater understanding and spiritual growth.

Luke 9:10-17 - Small Group Discussion -

Introduction:

- Begin with a brief prayer, asking for insight and openness in discussing the scripture.
- Recap the setting: Jesus miraculously feeds a crowd of over 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish, demonstrating his divine power.

Reading the Passage:

- Read Luke 9:10-17 aloud or have different members read sections.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the significance of Jesus withdrawing with His disciples to Bethsaida?
 - Discuss the need for rest and retreat in ministry.
2. How does Jesus respond to the crowd following Him?
 - Discuss Jesus' compassion and willingness to teach and heal, even when He planned to rest.
3. What initial reaction do the disciples closest to Jesus have in relation to the hungry crowd?
 - Explore the practical approach of feeding this crowd versus Jesus' miraculous solution.
4. What can we learn from the miracle of the loaves and fishes?
 - Discuss these like provision, faith, abundance from scarcity, and the importance of sharing resources.

Application:

5. How does this story reflect on our own lives when we feel overwhelmed or inadequate?
 - Share personal experiences where you felt like you had too little to offer but were surprised by the outcome.
6. What does this story tell us about trusting in God's power and provision?
 - Discuss how faith plays a role in recognizing, trusting, and utilizing God's power and provision.

Prayer Time:

- Close with a prayer, focusing on: Asking for faith to trust in God's power and provision, to share His love and compassion towards others, and seeking His wisdom to use what we have for His glory.