

SHARE Group Discussion Guide

Text: Luke 9:1-17

Theme: A Kingdom Feast

Warm Up:

- What is the most difficult or best thing that happened to you or your family this week?

Introduction:

- How do you read Scripture? A rule book? A road map? Guidelines? Something else? All of the above?
- How have we failed to ask “something great” (think of this morning’s opening story) of ourselves and of one another? In what ways have we succeeded?

Getting Into the Text:

- Share something about the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand that stands out to you from this morning or from previous study. Do you struggle to see this as more than a child’s story? Why or why not?

Read Luke 9:10-17

- Why does Jesus take the disciples away with him after they return?
- Is their purpose fulfilled or frustrated by what happens with feeding the crowd? Do you think the disciples believed he could do it?
- What message is Jesus communicating with this miracle?
- Why is food leftover after everyone is finished eating? Did Jesus miscalculate?

Taking it Home:

- Do you think a greater problem exists because we under-use Scripture or misuse Scripture? How do our biases, our culture, our own lives shape what we read?
- How can we approach Scripture anew every time we read?
- What are ways that we can begin to take Jesus at his word and not dismiss the miraculous?
- How might our world, communities, families, and lives be different if we really put Jesus’ words into practice? How can we do this within our group this week?