

Title: “The Lesson in the Lunchable”

Text: Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-15

Target: We serve a God that lacks nothing, but gave everything to possess something that only love could buy. What is it that love could only buy? YOU! Jesus paid the high price out of the overflow of generosity and grace to lead you to live the same way towards others. What do you have to offer? MORE THAN YOU THINK!

1. **Know People are your Priority:** *“gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases...On their return the apostles told him all that **they** had done”* (Luke 9:1,10)
 - a. **He Went:** *“When he went ashore”* (Matt. 14:14)
 - b. **He Saw:** *“He saw a great crowd”* (Matt. 14:14)
 - c. **He Had:** *“compassion on them”* (Matt. 14:14)
 - i. **Lacked Leading:** *“they were sheep without a shepherd”* (Mark 6:34)
 - ii. **Lacked Healing:** *“cured those who had need of healing”* (Luke 9:11)
 - iii. **Lacked Learning:** *“began to teach them many things...spoke to them on the kingdom of God”* (Mark 6:34, Luke 9:11)

2. **Keep Perspective in your Problems:** *Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?”⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.* (John 6:5-6)
 - a. **Examined their Situation:**
 - i. **Remote Location:** *“for we are here in a desolate place”* (Luke 9:12)
 - ii. **Running Late:** *“the hour is now late”* (Mark 6:35)
 - iii. **Resources are Lacking:** *Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little”* (John 6:7)
 - b. **Expressed their Sentiment:** *“Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions”* (Luke 9:12)

3. **Know the Pattern for your Provision:**
 - a. **Requests Trust:**
 - i. **He uses the Insignificant:** Andrew said: *“there is a boy here”* (John 6:9)
 - ii. **He uses the Insufficient:** *“we have only five loaves here two fish”* (Matt. 14:17)
 - b. **Requires a Transfer:** *“Bring them here to me”* (Matt. 14:18)

- c. **Reveals Transformation:** *“looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples”* (Mark 6:41)
 - i. **Jesus Bows:**
 - ii. **Jesus Breaks:**
 - iii. **Jesus Blesses:**
- d. **Revives a Testimony:**
 - i. **Shared in the Miracle:** *“and the disciples gave them to the crowds”* (Matt. 14:19)
 - ii. **Satisfied by a Miracle:** *“And they all ate and were satisfied”* (Mark 6:42)
 - iii. **Statement of the Miracle:** *“Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost... When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”* (John 6:12,14)

Takeaway: We desire to be a church that loves people not with the leftovers, but for us to live on the leftovers of God’s miracles, knowing that we will be satisfied with more than enough (Insert: Fist bump emoji, praying hands emoji, thumbs up emoji)