

### ③ STEPS TO LAVISH HOSPITALITY

**Seeker** See how the Xtian is empowered by faith in Jesus the King,  $\Theta$ , to offer lavish hospitality? Come IN

**Xtian** We still default to "scarcity mentality" in spite of Jesus' provision... How do we become lavish in our hospitality?

**STEP ONE** Courageously step out in obedience to Jesus Christ your King's commands even when/if you see no way you can provide... "you give them..."

\* This life of hospitality, blessing, etc. is not an optional or a human possibility

→ "contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you, bless + do not curse them. Rejoice w. those who rejoice, weep w. those who weep. Live in harmony w. one another. Do not be haughty, but associate w. the lowly." Romans 12:13-16 \*

→ You have to step out, take the step!

**STEP TWO** Show hospitality in the little things, the mundane things, in what you do daily + w. what you have

- ☒ Jenny + Sarah, "Cup of Cold Water"
- ☒ Amy Sherman's counsel
- ☒ Jim G.'s story

**STEP THREE** Daily remember  $\Theta$ 's Provision for you - Hospitality through Jesus Christ, Messiah, King.

- ☒ If He has already provided victory over Satan, death, blessing the nations, Kingdom of peace, forgiveness, how will he not provide all that you need?

Sarah Y.  
+  
J's  
Provision

☒ IT IS JESUS PROVISION YOU GET TO SHARE!

### SCRIPTURE READING (CON'T)

<sup>16</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

<sup>18</sup>Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" <sup>19</sup>And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them,

"But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

<sup>21</sup>And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, <sup>22</sup>saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GIVING

##### Redeemer Offerings for 2017

January total: \$16,414

Actual YTD: \$16,414

Target YTD: \$19,500

Net Difference: \$-3,086

2017 Target Budget: \$338,000

2017 Target reflects the Session's hope for giving in 2017 based on current giving and needs. Thank you for giving so cheerfully and faithfully.

### COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe the scarcity mentality and where/how you have felt it.
2. Discuss how Jesus provision of the bread for the vast crowd, and as the Messiah, salvation (forgiveness of sins, eternal inheritance, a kingdom that can't be shaken) should empower you in sharing lavish hospitality with others.
3. Which of the following three steps do you need to focus on to step out in hospitality this week? (1) courageously step out in obedience to Jesus Christ's commands even when you see no way you can provide, (2) show hospitality in the little things, in the mundane things, in what you do daily, and with what you have, (3) daily remember God's provision for you through Jesus Christ your King so that your heart is moved to share it with others.

What keeps you from lavish hospitality? *Sinful Woman*  
= "scarcity mentality" *Beautiful Mind*

**Seeker** Incredible, unique power in Xity to make people of lavish hospitality ... what you value!

**Xtian** See  $\Theta$ 's abundant provision for you today and step toward lavish hospitality

## ① SCARCITY MENTALITY

**Defined:** The feeling/fear that you don't have enough time, energy, space, food, emotional health, etc. to provide hospitality (in its many expressions) to the other person(s) *John Newton* ... "always feel there's a shortfall" *Dave*

**☰☰☰** Demonstrated ... Disciples sent w. nothing for your journey ► big impact ► Herod hears (9:7-9) ► return to Jesus + retreat ► counsel "send the crowd away..." (12)

- ☑ Physically + Emotionally weary vs. 10
  - ☑ Running out of time in day vs. 12
  - ☑ in a desolate place vs. 12
  - ☑ limited resources five loaves + two fish vs. 13
  - ☑ vast crowds + needs vs. 14
- "human reasoning" "math didn't make sense"

**Despite**

1. Have the Scripture's stories of  $\Theta$ 's provision *Manna* etc.
2. Have Jesus, YAHWEH, w. them

Can you relate? Experienced this this week?  
*Sarah Y*

## ② JESUS PROVISION

1. Jesus' supernatural - miraculous - provision of bread.

**☰☰☰** Story of abundant provision, vs 14ff

"And they all ate + were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets ~~of~~ of broken pieces."

**Sceptic** I have a real problem w. the Bible's stories of miracles. I believe in a scientific, materialistic, cause + effect universe; Consider the perhaps even greater problems w. your view.

- ☑ It is a huge leap of faith
- ☑ It imprisons people in the scarcity mentality
- ☑ It completely misses the Bible's claim that the LORD  $\Theta$ , Yahweh, really lived among us  
*C.S. Lewis*

2. Jesus' provision of salvation as the Messiah  
"The Christ of  $\Theta$ " + All Scripture promised in  $\rightarrow$

**☰☰☰** The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised"

- ☑  $\Theta$ 's ancient purpose of Messiah go thru path  $\dagger$
- ☑ Jesus ultimate suffering purchased  $\Theta$ 's provision

**Xtian** Worship, Wonder at the Provision of our  $\Theta$  for us!