

Philip tried to solve a Jesus-sized problem with a human-sized budget. In what areas of your life are you attempting to solve spiritual problems with only human resources instead of trusting in God's power?

The young boy gave his entire lunch to Jesus without holding anything back for himself. What are you holding back from God because you think it's not enough or because you want to keep it for your own security?

Jesus already knew what He was going to do but asked Philip where to buy bread as a test of faith. How does God use challenging circumstances in your life to test and grow your faith?

The disciples witnessed Jesus healing the sick and performing miracles, yet they still panicked when faced with feeding the crowd. Why do we so quickly forget God's past faithfulness when new challenges arise?

Jesus had compassion on the crowd even though He was tired and hungry, prioritizing their needs over His own comfort. How does your response to interruptions and inconveniences compare to Jesus's example of compassion?

The miracle of feeding the 5,000 is the only miracle besides the resurrection recorded in all four Gospels. What does this tell us about the significance of God using ordinary offerings to accomplish extraordinary things?

Andrew found one boy with a lunch among thousands of people. How might God be calling you to notice and bring forward the seemingly small resources or people that others overlook?

The sermon mentions that the boy could later say he gave Jesus what he had and Jesus fed thousands. What story of God's multiplication in your life could you tell others to encourage their faith?

Jesus gave thanks to God before the miracle happened, not after. How would your prayer life change if you thanked God in advance for meeting your needs before you see the solution?

The disciples ended up with twelve baskets of leftovers, more than what they started with. When have you experienced God not just meeting your need but providing abundantly beyond what you thought possible?

# Small Group Guide: "More Than Enough"

Based on John 6:1-15 - The Feeding of the 5,000

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## Opening Prayer

*Begin your time together by asking God to open hearts and minds to what He wants to teach through this story.*

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## Icebreaker Question

**Share a time when you felt unprepared or under-resourced for something you had to do. What happened?**

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## Sermon Recap

This week we explored the familiar story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 with one boy's lunch—five small barley loaves and two fish. The central message: **What's not enough in your hands is more than enough in the hands of Jesus.**

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## Discussion Questions

### Understanding the Story

1. **Why do you think Jesus asked Philip where to buy bread when He already knew what He was going to do?** What was Jesus trying to teach Philip (and us) through this question?
2. **The sermon mentioned that "Philip tried to solve a Jesus-sized problem with a human-sized budget."** When have you found yourself doing the same thing? What was the situation?
3. **What do you think was going through the young boy's mind when he offered his lunch?** What made him willing to give up everything he had?

### Personal Reflection

4. **The disciples said, "Jesus, we don't have enough" multiple times in this story.** What area of your life right now feels like "not enough"? (Not enough time, money, strength, faith, experience, etc.)
5. **Read verse 6 again: "He asked this only to test Philip, for he already had in mind what he was going to do."** How does knowing that Jesus already has a plan change how you approach situations where you feel inadequate?
6. **The sermon emphasized that the boy didn't hold back part of his lunch "just in case."** Is there something you're holding back from Jesus because you think it's not good enough or you might need it yourself?

## Application

7. **Jesus used something ordinary (a kid's lunch) to do something extraordinary.** What "ordinary" things do you have in your life that Jesus might want to use? (Your story, your home, your skills, your time, your resources)
  8. **The pastor shared that he was just 15 when he preached his first sermon.** How does this story challenge the excuses we make about being too young, too old, too inexperienced, or too broken to be used by God?
  9. **At the end of the miracle, there were 12 baskets of leftovers—one for each disciple.** What do you think Jesus was teaching them through the abundance of leftovers?
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## Key Takeaways

- **Jesus cares more about people's needs than His own comfort** (He was tired and hungry but still ministered to the crowd)
  - **Our limitations don't limit Jesus** (5,000+ people were fed with one boy's lunch)
  - **Surrender precedes the miracle** (The boy had to give up his lunch before Jesus could multiply it)
  - **Jesus already knows what He's going to do** (We can trust Him even when we can't see the solution)
  - **Your story matters** (Even if you think it's small or ordinary, Jesus can use it)
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## This Week's Challenge

### Choose One:

**Option 1: Identify Your "Not Enough"** Write down one area where you've been saying "Jesus, I don't have enough" and pray specifically about surrendering it fully to Him this week.

**Option 2: Share Your Story** Like the boy with the lunch, share your faith story with at least one person this week—even if you think it's "not much." Remember: ordinary in your hands becomes extraordinary in Jesus' hands.

**Option 3: Practice Generosity** Look for one opportunity this week to give something (time, resources, encouragement) even when it feels like you don't have enough to spare. Trust Jesus to multiply it.

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## Memory Verse

**John 6:11** - "Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God for it, and distributed what they had to those who were seated as much as they wanted."

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## Closing Reflection Questions

- What is one thing God spoke to you about during our discussion today?
  - How can we pray for you this week as you trust Jesus with your "not enough"?
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## Closing Prayer

*Pray together, asking God to help each person surrender their "not enough" to Jesus and trust Him to do more than they can imagine.*

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## Leader Notes

- **Be Vulnerable:** Share your own "not enough" moments to create a safe space for others to open up.
- **Encourage Participation:** Not everyone needs to answer every question. Allow silence for reflection.
- **Follow Up:** Check in during the week with group members about their challenges.
- **Celebrate Stories:** If someone shares how God used their "not enough," celebrate it with the group!

# 5-Day Devotional: More Than Enough

## Day 1: When We Don't Have Enough

**Reading:** John 6:1-9

**Devotional:** Philip looked at the crowd and calculated impossibility. Eight months' wages wouldn't feed them all. How often do we respond to God's calling with a mental budget of our limitations? We inventory our inadequacies instead of God's abundance. Notice that Jesus already knew what He would do—He was testing Philip's faith, not solving a problem. Today, God isn't surprised by your lack. He's inviting you to trust Him beyond your calculations. What situation are you facing where you've concluded "it's not enough"? That's precisely where Jesus wants to work. Your acknowledgment of insufficiency is the beginning of witnessing His sufficiency.

## Day 2: The Offering of Ordinary Things

**Reading:** John 6:8-11; 1 Samuel 17:40

**Devotional:** A boy's lunch. David's stones. A widow's mite. God specializes in using ordinary things for extraordinary purposes. This unnamed child didn't have much, but he had something—and he was willing to give it all. He didn't hold back a loaf "just in case." Total surrender, not partial commitment, opens the door for God's multiplication. What ordinary thing in your life have you dismissed as too small for God to use? Your time, your story, your gifts, your resources—whatever you place completely in Jesus' hands becomes material for miracles. Stop waiting until you have "enough" to offer God. Offer what you have today.

## Day 3: Jesus Sees the Shepherd-Less

**Reading:** Mark 6:30-34; Psalm 23:1-3

**Devotional:** Tired and hungry, Jesus could have sent the crowd away. Instead, He saw them as sheep without a shepherd and compassion moved Him to action. Jesus always prioritizes people over personal comfort. He sees beyond the surface to our deepest need—not just for food, but for guidance, care, and belonging. You are seen by the Good Shepherd. Whatever crowd you're lost in, whatever need you're carrying, He notices. And just as Jesus welcomed, taught, and healed that crowd, He welcomes you today. His compassion hasn't diminished. Bring your weariness, your lostness, your hunger to Him. He won't turn you away.

## Day 4: The Disciples' Distribution

**Reading:** John 6:11-13; 2 Corinthians 9:8

**Devotional:** Jesus didn't personally feed the 15,000. He multiplied the bread and sent His disciples to distribute it. Imagine their hesitation—walking toward a group of fifty with a few pieces in a basket. But with each step of obedience, the bread kept coming. God's provision often requires our participation. He could work independently, but He invites us into the miracle. Your obedience, even when the outcome seems impossible, becomes the channel of God's abundance. Where is Jesus asking you to step out in faith today? Don't wait until you see the full supply. Take the first step with what's in your basket.

## **Day 5: Twelve Baskets of Leftovers**

**Reading:** John 6:12-14; Ephesians 3:20

**Devotional:** They started with not enough and ended with abundance—twelve baskets of leftovers, one for each disciple who doubted. God doesn't just meet needs; He exceeds them. His generosity leaves evidence. Those baskets were tangible reminders that what's impossible with man is possible with God. What you surrender to Jesus doesn't just accomplish His purpose—it often comes back multiplied. Your faithfulness produces overflow. The disciples who said "we don't have enough" carried home proof that they served a God of more than enough. What basket of blessing might God be preparing for you as you trust Him with your insufficiency? His abundance is greater than your lack.

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### **Reflection Questions for the Week:**

- What area of your life have you been withholding from Jesus because you think it's "not enough"?
- How might God be inviting you to participate in His miracle through simple obedience?
- What ordinary thing in your possession could become extraordinary in Jesus' hands if you fully surrendered it?