



The Voice: Multiplication

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

This weekend, we turned the focus to how Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to feed a multitude of 15,000 to 20,000 people. Review *Luke 9:12-17* before discussing the following.

Two Principles of Multiplication:

1. It has to be blessed before it can multiply.

In *Luke 9:16* Jesus blessed the five loaves and two fish before he broke them and gave to the disciples. Imagine yourself as one of Jesus' disciples and discuss how you would have responded to His instructions and to the needs of the people that day.

2. It has to be given away before it can multiply.

The Miracle happened in the hands of the disciples, not the Master. Why do you think God multiplies *as or after* we give and not before? What do you think made a bigger impact on the people, being fed or witnessing the miracle?

Three Keys to Getting Your Finances in Order:

1. Get out of debt.

Discuss what the scriptures say about reasons to be debt free.
Proverbs 22:7; Romans 13:8; John 8:36

2. Don't manipulate.

Discuss ways people try to manipulate God and/or other people with finances.
Proverbs 22:7; Acts 8:18-22; James 2:1-4

3. Give.

Read and discuss why giving above what is 'required' opens the door to an adventurous life of generosity with God.

Luke 6:38; Proverbs 19:17; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

WHAT'S NEXT

- Think about the miracles God has done for you and give Him thanks.
- Listen for His voice and ask Him how you should respond to this teaching.
- Watch for God's multiplication in your life and be ready to share His blessings with others.