

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

THE TABLE
Week 2 Study

Icebreaker

Who would you be most excited to share a meal with?

Passage 1 Luke 9:10-12

When the apostles returned, they told Jesus all the things they had done on their trip. Then Jesus took them away to a town called Bethsaida. There, Jesus and his apostles could be alone together, but the people learned where Jesus went and followed him. Jesus welcomed them and talked with them about God's kingdom. He healed those who needed to be healed.

Reflection Did you hear why Jesus had taken his friends to that place? Why do you think the crowd of people followed Jesus?

Imagine you have unlimited money and can give your friends anything. What would you love to give them that would make you excited too?

Why do you think Jesus chose to teach, heal, and feed the crowds when he was suppose to be resting?

Passage 2 Luke 9:12-14

The crowds had followed Jesus and his disciples as they went off to the middle of nowhere for some peace. And that was fine while Jesus was thrilling them all with stories about his kingdom. But it was getting late and the disciples' tummies were starting to rumble. The huge crowd ached with hunger, and the confused disciples couldn't feed them. Jesus was getting ready to teach them all a lesson.

Reflection The disciples told Jesus to send the people away. What were they worried about? What did they think would go wrong?

How do you think the disciples were feeling when Jesus told them to feed the whole crowd? Why do you think Jesus asked them to do something impossible?

Read Psalm 121 v 1-2. Are you in a time of need? Have you looked up and wondered where your help will come from?

Passage 3 Luke 9:15-17

Jesus transformed the situation from empty, aching stomachs to satisfied, full stomachs. From an impatient, snappy crowd to a sea of lazing bodies, lying down on the grass by the lake. That is a picture of the change that Jesus brings about in the life of every Christian.

Reflection What does John 6:33-37 say about Jesus and our need for him? What type of bread is Jesus referring to?

What type of hunger and thirst is Matthew 5:6 referring to?

What has Jesus given to me? Who has he placed in my life to help? How is he helping you to trust him?

What has Jesus already given me? How has he already helped me? How has he already changed me?

Application

"I want more" is said in most families quite often. It is said by all of us, most days, perhaps silently in our hearts. There will always be others who have more than us.

Go around the room and count your blessings. It is easy to desire seconds or more without giving God appreciation for the blessings we already have.