

Mark 6: 34b ... (Jesus) saw a great crowd waiting (for him). He felt sorry for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things.

³⁵ When it was late in the day, his followers came to him and said, "No one lives in this place, and it is already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so they can go to the countryside and towns around here to buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But Jesus answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "We would all have to work a month to earn enough money to buy that much bread!"

³⁸ Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have? Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five loaves and two fish."

³⁹ Then Jesus told his followers to have the people sit in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat in groups of fifty or a hundred. ⁴¹ Jesus took the five loaves and two fish and, looking up to heaven, he thanked God for the food. He divided the bread and gave it to his followers for them to give to the people. Then he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² All the people ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ The followers filled twelve baskets with the leftover pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ There were five thousand men who ate.

Key Takeaway

REACHING OUT TOGETHER

"... you are standing together side by side with one strong purpose -- to tell the Good News." Philippians 1:27b (LB)

"You've been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ." Philippians 1:5 (NLT)

HOW CAN OUR SMALL GROUP "PARTNER" TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH OTHERS?

P _____

"Pray for us that God will give us an opportunity to tell people his message."

Colossians 4:3 (NCV)

- ☐ Make a group prayer list.

A _____

"Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him. I do this to get the Gospel to them and also for the blessing I myself receive when I see them come to Christ." 1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (LB)

- ☐ Discover the common interests in your group.

R _____ "Because we loved you, we were happy to share not only God's Good News with you, but even our own lives." 1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NCV)

"It is not my business to judge those who are not part of the church." 1 Corinthians 5:12

"Whatever we do, it is certainly not for our own profit but because Christ's love controls us now." 2 Corinthians 5:14 (LB)

- ☐ Ask God to give you a deeper love for others.

T _____ "You are... God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you." 1 Peter 2:9 (MSG)

"Listen, and I'll tell you what God has done for me." Psalm 66:16 (NCV)

- ☐ Write out your story & share it with your group.

N _____ "Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people." Romans 12:16 (CEV)

"In his home Levi (Matthew) gave a big dinner party for Jesus. Many fellow tax collectors and other guests were also there." Luke 5:29 (CEV)

"The Holy Spirit does not want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them." 2 Timothy 1:7 (LB)

- ☐ Bring a friend to your group. Plan a party.

E _____ "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'" Luke 5:20 (NIV)

- ☐ Never give up on anyone.

R _____ "Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus." Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

"Do all you can to live a peaceful life. Take care of your own business, and do your own work. If you do, people who are not believers will respect you." 1 Thes 4:11-12a (NCV)