

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

The Center of Everything: Feeding

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Luke 9:1-17



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Sermon Outline

- I. The work Jesus gives (Luke 9:12-13)
- II. The provision Jesus makes (Luke 9:14-17)
- III. The satisfaction Jesus brings (Luke 9:17)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?

2. What would you say is some of the "work" Jesus has called you to do? What are some examples of the work God has called *all* Christians to?

3. Take a look again at Luke 9:1-11. What do you notice about how Jesus equips his disciples before sending them out (9:1)? What do you make of the specific tasks he gave them to do (9:2)? Why do you think he tells them not to take too much along (9:3)? What do you make of the "interruption" of Herod (9:7-9)?

4. Luke 9:10 tells us that Jesus took his disciples and "withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida." From the parallel account in Mark 6:31, we know that this was specifically for the disciples' *rest*. Why does Jesus care about their rest? What does that mean for *your* pursuit of rest?

5. What are some things you've "watched" Jesus do that you're trying to put into practice? What are some things you've watched other faithful *Christians* do that you're trying to put into practice?

6. In your own words, why does Jesus involve us in Gospel work at all? And in your own words, why does Jesus give us work that's impossible for us to do? What are some other Biblical examples of God giving people more than they can handle?

7. How have you experienced God's provision for the work he's given you to do? How does what Jesus provides for his disciples encourage you in something that right now seems impossible to do?

8. Why is it important to remember that Jesus provides for the work *he's* given us to do as opposed to work he *hasn't* given us to do?

9. In Luke 9:16, the disciples have to go to Jesus for what they need. What are some practical ways you can "go to him" for what *you* need? How does time in the Bible factor into that? Prayer? Church?

10. "You will be faithful to do the work Jesus has given you to do only insofar as you keep close to him." How have you experienced that? How have you experienced the *inverse* of that? What have you learned from those experiences?

11. Read Ephesians 3:20. How does that verse map onto Luke 9:17?

12. What should we do when God *doesn't* provide what we want or think we need?

13. Spend a few minutes poring over John 6:25-51. What else can you glean from these verses that illuminates Luke 9:12-17?

14. How does Jesus bring satisfaction? Is it possible to have satisfaction apart from him? Why or why not?

15. Read Isaiah 55:1-2. What parallels do you see between these verses and Luke 9?