

ABLE TO MULTIPLY

*FCC Life Group Discussion Notes
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Opening Prayer

Thank You, God, for showing us in Your Word how You multiply what we offer to meet real needs. Open our hearts today to see others as You see them and to trust Your power at work in us.

Ice Breaker

If you could multiply one thing in your life right now—like time, energy, or resources—what would it be and why?

Key Scripture

Ephesians 3:20 (NIV) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

Sermon Summary

In the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus refuses to send the crowd away despite limited resources, instead using a boy's small lunch to meet everyone's needs. This miracle teaches us to lift our eyes to see spiritual hunger around us, let compassion move us to action, and place what we have in Jesus' hands for Him to multiply. As a church, we're called to the same availability so God can do immeasurably more through us.

Discussion Point 1: Lift Up Your Eyes and See the Need

Scripture: Mark 6:34 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

When he went ashore, he saw a large crowd and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things.

Point Summary: Jesus withdrew for rest but still noticed the crowd's deep spiritual need when they followed Him. Multiplication starts when we shift focus from our own busyness or comfort to truly seeing the lost and hurting people God places around us. Just as crowds find Jesus at FCC today, we're in a position to notice and welcome those searching for hope.

Discussion Questions:

1. What keeps you from noticing the spiritual needs of people in your daily life—like coworkers, neighbors, or even family?
2. Share a time when you "saw" someone's need like Jesus did—how did it change your response?

Discussion Point 2: Let Compassion Move You to Action

Scripture: Mark 6:35-37 (CSB) – Ask a group member to read aloud.

When it grew late, his disciples approached him and said, "This place is deserted, and it is already late. Send them away so that they can go into the surrounding countryside and villages to buy themselves something to eat." "You give them something to eat," he responded.

Point Summary: The disciples wanted to send the crowd away due to the late hour and remote location, but Jesus saw individuals with names, struggles, and urgent needs—refusing to dismiss them. His compassion led to immediate ministry right there and then, challenging us at FCC to say "let's minister here and now" instead of postponing care for others. Sending people away isn't an option when lives hang in the balance.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think the disciples defaulted to "send them away," and how does that show up in our lives or church today?
2. Who in your world right now—like a "Sam" with a failing marriage or a "Rachel" battling despair—needs you to choose compassion over convenience?

Discussion Point 3: Put What You Have in Jesus' Hands

Scripture: Mark 6:38-42 (CSB) – Ask a group member to read aloud.

He asked them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." When they found out they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he instructed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves. He kept giving them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. Everyone ate and was satisfied.

Point Summary: The boy's small lunch seemed laughably inadequate, but when placed in Jesus' hands, it multiplied to feed thousands with leftovers. Availability is key—Jesus uses what we offer, no matter how insignificant it feels, to accomplish miracles beyond our imagination. Like the boy who ended up with more than he started with, we experience abundance when we make ourselves and our resources fully available to Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. What "five loaves and two fish" do you have right now—time, talents, finances—that you're hesitant to fully hand over to Jesus?
2. How does the boy's story encourage you to be available for God to work through you in unexpected ways?

Wrap-Up

Jesus models multiplication by seeing the crowd's need, refusing to send them away with compassion, and using the boy's offering to feed everyone abundantly—reminding us that **Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)** promises God does immeasurably more through our availability. Together, these steps shift us from self-focus to Kingdom impact, ensuring no one is turned away at FCC. Let's trust His power at work within us to meet needs here and now.

Challenge

This week, identify one resource or area of your life to place fully in Jesus' hands—maybe committing time to serve, giving toward the God is Able vision to expand our space, or inviting someone searching to church. Pray daily for eyes to see needs and a heart moved to act, supporting our church's goal to welcome more crowds without sending anyone away.

Closing Prayer

Thank You, Lord, for multiplying what we offer and using us in Your miracles. Help us obey by seeing needs, showing compassion, and being available—do immeasurably more through us we pray.