

IMAGINE...

Small Group Questions

Part 4: Making A Difference

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Read

Mark 6:34-41; and Proverbs 11:25

Reflect

Few stories appear in all four Gospels. The feeding of the 5,000 is one of them. One boy offers up his meager lunch to feed all those people. Jesus blesses and uses it to an extent far beyond what his disciples could imagine. Do you believe Jesus could do that in your life?

Pastor Greg offers us three ways to make a difference:

1. Take a quick inventory.
 - a. What do you have?
 - i. Think not only of finances, but also time, energy, relationships, and talents.
 - b. How are you using them? Where are you putting your time, energy, and support?
 - c. Can you think of someone who made a big difference in your life in a way that may have seemed small at first?
 - i. Who comes to mind as someone you could invest in?
 1. What is a first (or next) step you could take?
2. Give God something to work with.
 - a. Does what you have to offer ever seem too small to bother? Are you limiting God?
 - b. When has God asked you to do something seemingly impossible? What was the outcome?
 - c. Have you ever sat down and told God that whatever of yours he wants to use, it's his—even if you can't see how it could make a difference?
 - i. How willing are you to do that?
3. Expect God to multiply it.
 - a. How have you seen God multiply what you have offered? Or what someone else has offered?
 - i. Did it at first seem insignificant? How did you see it grow?
 - ii. Since God does not necessarily need what we have in order to do something, why do you think he asks it of us?
 - iii. Do you think God is more interested in our attitudes, or in the quantity of what we give?

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?