

Joseph Swan // August 28, 2022 // <u>Luke 9:1-17 (NLT)</u>

- 1. Are you able to share with the group a time in your life when you felt like you were in over your head or the wrong person for the job? What were some of the thoughts that went through your mind during this time?
- 2. In Luke 9 we read about the feeding of the 5000; however, this wasn't the first instance where the disciples were faced with a similar challenge to trust Jesus. When looking at the response of the disciples in <u>Luke 8:22–25</u>, what comparisons can be made between this passage and the story of the feeding of the 5000?
- 3. If you were to close your eyes and imagine you were in the line that day with the disciples, how hard would it have been for you to move towards the crowd and cross the 20-foot gap? Why?
- 4. Joseph mentioned that Jesus has placed in each of our hands something we can use to "feed the hungry crowd." What do you think are the pieces of bread or fish you have been given? It may be difficult to identify these for yourself. Go around the room and encourage each other with some of the gifts you see in each other's lives.
- 5. What is the biggest challenge you face when stepping out to use these gifts? How can you overcome this?
- 6. Do you have any stories you can share of times when you have used your "little" and seen God use it to make a big difference in someone else's life? What happened? How did this impact you?
- 7. What are some practical ways you can encourage each other to use the gifts God has given?