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Leftovers | Luke 9.10-17 | January 10, 2021

There are two ways to have leftovers:

- By way of Planning
- Principle of multiplication that is at work through generosity.

No doubt - The story of the feeding of the 5000 is a remarkable story about leftovers.
Question: What would it have been like sitting in one of the circles of 50?

The Miracle of the feeding takes place in the historical context of Jesus teaching about the Kingdom of God.

Read: In Luke 9:11
Read: Matthew 6:10 - One of the first things that Jesus taught ordinary people to pray.
Read: Matthew 6:33 - One of the first things that Jesus taught ordinary people to do.

Answering the call to come and follow Jesus is about learning and participating in the life of the Kingdom of God and as Matthew notes this affects prayer and all our priorities.

Question: How have these verses influenced your prayers and priorities the last while?
Question: What is the Kingdom of God?
Answers: The kingdom of God is the rule and reign of God in the midst of people's relationships.

- Reconciled to God
- Reconciled to One another
- Involved in Creation care

Question: As we look around the world how would you say things are going?
Invitation: As we pray may your kingdom come and we seek God's kingdom on earth, we can see the obvious benefits this would have on everyone and everything. God has a heart that people are taken of and has a funding model for this.

In Luke 9 and the feeding of 5,000 we see the kingdom of God in fine form. A simple act of generosity was multiplied over and over &&& so much so that there were leftovers. Everybody had enough – the giver and the receiver.

Two Big Ideas about Leftovers:

a. The Principle of Planning
In our personal finances and stewardship when we spending less than we earn, we will have leftovers.

b. The Principle of Generosity

Historically: Human tendency, since the fall of man in Genesis 3 is to gather rather than give away. You and I can trace our vulnerabilities back to the Garden of Eden where because of sin we have this voice in our head that says – "e have to take care of ourselves". God says I will take of you.

When you and I give generously to others we will experience the Kingdom of God's miraculous distribution system and multiplication principle that creates leftovers.

To get us used to giving and getting us used to thinking differently about our stuff God sets in place quite quickly an old testament behavioural law called tithing. Jesus comes teaching that we are not under the law, but generosity is still necessary so Jesus calls us to give our all.

Question: How do we regularly experience the Kingdom of God's miraculous distribution system && multiplication principle so we have can help others and have leftovers?

- **Practice saying YES**

The story of the feeding of the 5,000 is remarkable story because somebody said yes, .. don't turn them away – it is not everyman for himself. Somebody said, you can have my bread and fish. The Kingdom of God is about saying YES to God and YES to people.

Read Psalm 37:25-27

- **Give as much as you can**

Read: 1 Timothy 6:17-19
With careful budgeting and acts of obedience you may be surprised how much you can give.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

- **Invest in your future of your loved ones – by giving today.**

Read Psalm 37:25-27