



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 9:10-17 (NAS)

Topic: "Seeking the Sufficiency of Christ"

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- 10 When the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done. Taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself to a city called Bethsaida.
- 11 But the crowds were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them, He began speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.
- 12 Now the day was ending, and the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place."
- 13 But He said to them, "You give them something to eat!" And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people."
- 14 (For there were about five thousand men.) And He said to His disciples, "Have them sit down to eat in groups of about fifty each."
- 15 They did so, and had them all sit down.
- 16 Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke them, and kept giving them to the disciples to set before the people.
- 17 And they all ate and were satisfied; and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets full.

I. OUR OWN INSUFFICIENCY

- A. Paul *II Corinthians 2:16*
- B. His Disciples Had Just Returned From A Preaching Tour
- C. They Were Tired
- D. They Needed To Get Away *Mark 6:32*

II. THE INSUFFICIENCY OF OTHERS

- A. Needy People Met Them On The Shore
- B. Some Needed Healing
- C. Some Had Spiritual Needs

- D. They All Needed Something To Eat

III. TWO DIFFERENT RESPONSES

- A. Jesus Welcomed Them
- B. The Disciples Said Send Them Away

IV. THE DISCIPLES' INSUFFICIENCIES

- A. The Crowd Was Large -5,000 Plus *Mark 14:21*
- B. The Quantity Of Available Food Was Small

V. OUR LORD'S MANNER OF PROVISION

- A. He Could Have Supplied The Food Directly To The People
- B. He Had His Disciples Serve It

APPLICATION: SERVANTS SERVE

1. They don't make excuses
2. They depend on the provision of the Master *II Corinthians 12:9; Ephesians 3:20; John 15:5; Psalm 127:1*