

## WEEK 2: What's in Your Lunch Bag?

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### FACILITATOR'S NOTE:

- ✓ Start your group discussion with the "Check-in" question to help your members reflect back on their week and follow up on last week's application challenge.
  - ✓ Review the "Big Idea" to help you gain clarity around the heart of this week's message and focus your group's discussion towards a clear direction.
  - ✓ Read this week's scripture passages together and guide your group through the "Discuss" questions to initiate meaningful dialogue around key concepts or insights from this week's message.
  - ✓ Move your group discussion to a deeper level by leading them through questions in "Apply". Use discernment to customize these application questions to meet the needs & dynamics of your group.
- NOTE:** You do not have to cover all the questions provided in "Discuss" and "Apply".
- ✓ Connect with God together as a group through this week's "prayer practice", which can be in the form of a prayer exercise or some guidance on what to pray for in relation to the message or application.

<b>CHECK-IN</b>	Were you able to "place God at the center" this week?
<b>BIG IDEA</b>	The entry point to generosity is being willing to offer what we have. When we do, not only is God honoured, needs are met. Our faith grows in immeasurable ways.
<b>DISCUSS</b>	<p><b>Facilitation Notes:</b></p> <p><i>There will be members of your group who gravitate toward intellectual discussions, and others who respond to personal and practical discussions. Unlike previous pick-and-choose style of questions, this week's Discuss section is intended to be done as a whole (do not eliminate questions). This style of discussing Scripture is about engaging with it in a more imaginative and personal way - almost like watching the story unfold in a movie, and then circling back to our lives. It may be a departure from what the group is used to, but introduce it as such, with the goal in mind. Before discussing, pray for a heart of openness for your group.</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>Read Luke Matthew 14:13-20 (Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand).</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Place yourself in the story, from the perspective of:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) One of the disciples, then,</li><li>b) A member of the crowd</li></ol></li></ol> <p>Describe your experience there with Jesus. What do you notice, at different parts of the day? What questions would you have for him?</p>

	<p>2. How, as a disciple or member of the crowd, do you think your faith would have been stretched after this experience? Or would your tendency be towards skepticism?</p>
<p><b>APPLY</b></p> <p>How do we respond to God's teaching in meaningful ways? What might God ask of us in mind, spirit, or actions?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. When was the last time your faith was stretched by serving? Share with the group.</li><li>2. What are your "loaves and fish"?</li><li>3. What's in your "lunch bag"? The ordinary, mundane, imperfect, non-social-media-worthy stuff? Why might we overlook these things as being useful for God's purposes?</li><li>4. How might your lifegroup use its loaves and fish to serve on mission together? Make a list of things that perhaps have been overlooked, rather than seen as opportunities.</li></ol>
<p><b>PRAYER PRACTICE</b></p>	<p><i>Prayer is one form of application because it is a response to God. Group prayer time does not have to be in the form of prayer requests. You may decide to create a group culture where members send out prayer requests throughout the week, so that group prayer time is more intentional and focused as a response to that week's teaching. As always, use discernment if there is a pressing personal need that requires immediate care through prayer.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Lead your group members to pray simple prayers by filling in the blank:</p> <p>"But Lord, I don't have enough _____. Take it, and make it Yours."</p>