



**WEST
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Week 2

Series: Equipped

Sermon Title: Faith Tested Again

Sermon Text: Luke 9:10-17

Group Week of: February 18, 2024

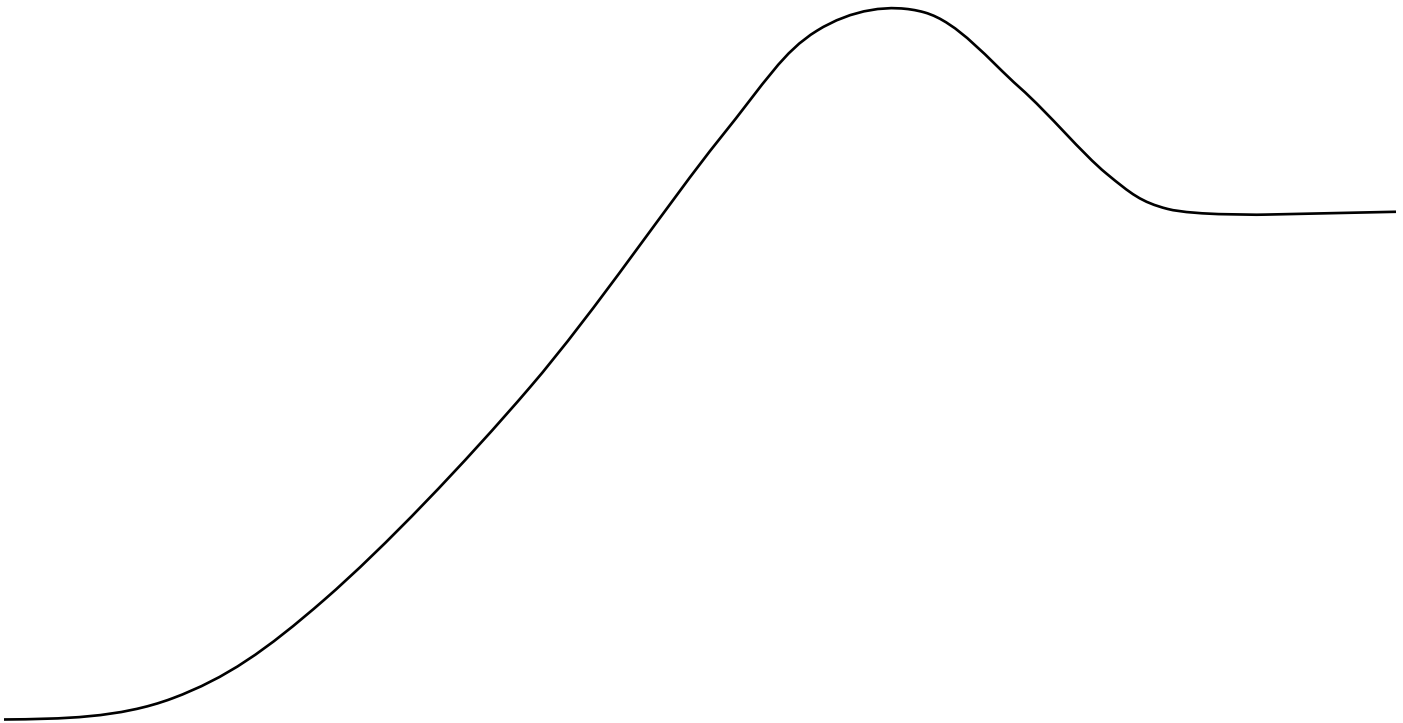
Sermon Date: February 25, 2024

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

Day 1	John's Account – John 6:1-14
Day 2	The Aftermath – John 6:25-59
Day 3	Impossible Missions – Judges 7:1-25
Day 4	Faithfulness – Acts 16:6-10
Day 5	God's Supply – Ephesians 3:14-21

The Text: Luke 9:10-17

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the plot arch** by writing down versus in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) you see Jesus giving to His disciples (and us) through this text?
- 2) What were Jesus and the disciples attempting to do before the crowds arrived?
- 3) What recurrent themes do you see between the mission trip and the feeding of the 5,000?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Jesus and the disciples intended to get away from the crowds to relax and talk about all that God had done during their mission trip. However, their plans were disrupted by literally thousands of people who wanted to hear Jesus teach and sought His healing. How do you respond to interruptions to your rest and relaxation?

- 2) Sometimes we need to say “no” to work so we can go be with God. Other times, God is bringing us the work, and to say “no” to the work would be the same thing as saying “no” to God. How can you tell the difference between the two?

- 3) When Luke says that Jesus “welcomed” the crowds, we see that His heart is not upset at the interruption. Instead, Jesus seems eager to minister to these needy people. How can we have Christ’s attitude in this situation? When you want to rest and needy people insert themselves as an interruption, how can you attain the attitude of Christ and lovingly welcome the needy person’s interruption rather than begrudgingly serve them?

- 4) The disciples had just spent weeks where God provided every meal, but now, faced with feeding 5,000 men and their families, they fall back on worldly thinking and worldly resources. Why do you think that this is happening?

- 5) Have you ever had a time in your life when even though you had seen God providentially meet your needs, you were filled with doubt when the next trial arose? Why do you think this happens in your own life?

- 6) Jesus commands the disciples to feed the people, but they are obviously unable to do so. They simply bring what little they have. By Christ’s power it multiplies and soon the disciples are given the means to accomplish the command Jesus gave them. Have you ever felt that God has called you to do something that you lacked the means to accomplish? How did that situation turn out?

- 7) We can always trust that God will supply all our needs in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19) and that God will also do immeasurably more than we could imagine or ask (Ephesians 3:20). Ask God to show you more of how He wants you to serve Him. Be open to the idea that God may ask you to do what seems impossible to you at present. Talk about what God gave you, or did not give you, with your group.