

# Talk

For group discussion or personal reflection:

## QUESTION 1

What does the miracle of the fish and loaves tell us about God's concern about our material needs?

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## QUESTION 2

Why do you think Jesus instructed the disciples to divide the huge crowd into groups of 50? What areas of your life might require some organization and order before God can bring increase to them?

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## QUESTION 3

Only that which has been "blessed" by the Lord can multiply. The disciples put the loaves and fish into Jesus hands so He could bless them. How can we put the money that comes to us into Jesus' hands so He can bless it? (Read Hebrews 7:8.)

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## QUESTION 4

Describe a time when you have seen the principle of multiplication at work in your life or in the life of someone you know?

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## QUESTION 5

Tithing is bringing to God that which is rightfully His. It is when we give over and above the tithe that the miracle of multiplication takes place. How do you decide when, where, and how much to give?

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## PRAY

Take some time as a group to lift one another up in the light of the truths discussed in this session.

# Explore

Want to go deeper? Here is some food for thought, prayer, and journaling in the coming week.

## KEY QUOTE

"What if the disciples had given the fish and the loaves out without Jesus blessing it? It never would have multiplied. It was the blessing of Jesus that gave it the potential to multiply. There are many, many people who give a little here, and give a little there. But they never see their finances multiplied, and the reason is they're not blessed by Jesus." —Robert Morris

Describe the last time you can recall God speaking to you about giving a significant gift over and above your tithe to a person or ministry; describe your response.

God asked me to . . .

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And I . . .

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What emotional, spiritual, or practical factors may be keeping you from giving more frequently and more generously, e.g., fear, busyness, excessive debt.

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How, with God's help and wisdom, can you address those obstacles?

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## KEY VERSES

Proverbs 22:9, John 12:24, 25, Romans 11:16, 2 Corinthians 9:5-11

What stands out to you as you read these verses?

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What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through these scriptures?

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PLEASE GIVE  
ME THE FAITH  
AND COURAGE  
TO PLACE MY  
RESOURCES IN  
YOUR HANDS  
AND TO DIS-  
TRIBUTE THEM  
FREELY AS YOU  
INSTRUCT ME  
SO THAT I MIGHT  
EXPERIENCE  
THE MIRACLE OF  
MULTIPLICATION.

**KEY QUESTION**

Are your finances blessed? And do you trust God enough to obey when He says give, even when it doesn't seem there will be enough to go around? Why or why not?

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**KEY PRAYER**

Father, You are the one who multiplied the courage of a shepherd boy when he was facing a giant, multiplied the strength of Samson when he took on an army, multiplied oil and meal for a widow in Zarephath, and multiplied a boy's lunch in the hands of Jesus and His disciples. Please give me the faith and courage to place my resources in Your hands and to distribute them freely as You instruct me so that I might experience the miracle of multiplication with all You have entrusted to me.

**NOTES**

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