

Miracles: What Do You Have?
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- Growing up were you forced to eat leftovers?
- What is your favorite meal to eat as a leftover?
- Who is your family like leftovers the most?

Read Matthew 14:13-21.

Five Things We Will Discover About God

1. He is Compassionate

- Share the name of a person who is close to you whom you have lost to death
- How did that loss affect you physically, emotionally, even spiritually?
- How does being tired affect your ability to have compassion and empathy?
- What do you need to do to recharge your batteries?
- How did Jesus respond to those who needed healing?

Read James 5:11 & 2 Corinthians 1:3.

- How did Jesus' compassion affect his actions?

Read Hebrews 2:17.

- Share an example of how God has been compassionate and merciful toward you

2. He Exceeds Expectations

- What facts were the disciples focused on?
- How does focusing on the circumstances cause us to put God in a box?
- What can we focus on that will prevent us from putting God in a box?
- How is God's solution different from what our solution might be?
- What facts are you currently focused on which may prevent God's solution?

Read Ephesians 3:20.

- How does God's solution exceed our expectations?
- How often do we limit what God can do by looking at the facts?

3. He Uses Small Stuff

- Why was the lunch of 5 loaves and 2 fish “small stuff”
- Why was the lunch significant to Jesus?
- Did the disciples think that the boy’s lunch was going to be enough?
- If not, why bring it to Jesus in the first place?
- Why does God like to use small stuff?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:27.

- What does God want us to do with the small stuff in our hands?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9.

- How is it possible for God to use my small stuff?

4. He Wants to Use You

- What are some of the mistakes that the disciples made working for Jesus?
- Why would Jesus want to use these mistake ridden men?
- How is our desire for control different from God’s desire to use us?
- If God can do anything why would he want to use us?

Read Ephesians 2:10.

- What are some of the things that God has created us to do?
- What role do we play in His plan to reach the world?
- What are some of the gifts that you possess that God desires to use?

5. He Likes Leftovers

- What meal do you refuse to eat as a leftover?
- Pastor Kevin shared that God meets needs with great abundance and to the exact penny, share an example from Scripture or your life of how He met a need with abundance.
- Share an example from Scripture or your life of how He met a need to the exact penny.
- Is one a greater miracle than the other?
- What does it mean to you when God meets your need with abundance?
- What does it mean to you when He meets your need to the exact penny?

Read Philippians 4:19.

- How can we be sure that no matter what we face God is bigger?

Read Matthew 19:26.

- Name something that you initially believed was too difficult for God.