

## Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide

Series: “Putting Our Problems in God’s Hands”

Message Title: “Finding Abundance in Scarcity”

Sermon Text: **Luke 9:10-17 (p. 1102)**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 37:1-11 (p. 591)**; New Testament Text: **Romans 5:15-17 (pp. 1198, 1199)**.

Read **Luke 9:10-17(p. 1102)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **Luke 9:10 (p. 1102)**.

From where have the apostles just returned? (Hint: Read **Luke 9:1-6 (pp.1101,1102)** if you can’t remember what Pr. Dave said.)

What were the apostles allowed to take with them?

What were they able to accomplish on their journeys?

For what purpose had Jesus intended to use this time at Bethsaida with His apostles?

2. Read **Luke 9:11 (p. 1102)**.

What changed Jesus’s plans?

How did Jesus react to the crowd’s intrusion?

3. Read **Luke 9:12 (p. 1102)**.

What do the apostles ask Jesus to do in this verse?

4. Read **Luke 9:13-14 (p. 1102)**.

What does Jesus tell His apostles to do?

How much food is available at their location?

How many people do they have to feed?  
What have the apostles forgotten?

5. Read **Luke 9:15-16 (p. 1102)**.

What did Jesus do to prepare the food for the crowd?

What determined if there would be enough food for everyone to eat?

6. Read **Luke 9:17 (p. 1102)**.

Was there enough food for everyone?

How much was left over?

7. What will you remember most from this message?

### **Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting**

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 37:1-11** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
  1. As you read through this passage, what kind of feelings does it evoke in you toward the Lord?
  2. Read **Ps. 37:3** aloud again. What does it mean to you to *befriend faithfulness*? What steps are you taking to *befriend faithfulness* in your personal life?
  3. Read **Ps. 37:4** aloud again. What does it mean to you to *delight yourself in the Lord*? Have you found this verse to be true in your own life? Explain.
  
- II. Next read **Romans 5:15-17**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
  1. What is our inheritance through Adam?
  2. What is our inheritance through Christ?
  3. In which inheritance do you find yourself most often living?
  4. Read **Romans 5:18-21** aloud. As you read through this passage, how did it make you feel?
  5. Why does it matter so much what we do with the gift of God's grace?
  
- III. Now read **Luke 9:1-6; 10-17**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
  1. From where have the apostles recently returned? (See **Luke 9:1-2**.)
  2. With what did Jesus send the apostles on their journey? List both spiritual and physical gifts. (See **Luke 9:1-3**.)
  3. What were the apostles able to accomplish on their journey? (See **Luke 9:6**.)
  4. What was Jesus's original intent in taking His apostles to Bethsaida? (From the sermon.)
  5. What changed His plans? (See **Luke 9:11**.)
  6. How did Jesus react to the crowd's intrusion? (See **Luke 9:11**.)
  7. What did the apostles want Jesus to do? (See **Luke 9:12**.)
  8. What did Jesus want the apostles to do? (See **Luke 9:13**.)
  9. On what things were the apostles' thoughts focused when Jesus gave them this assignment? (See **Luke 9:13, 14**.)
  10. What had the apostles forgotten? (See **Luke 9:6**.)

11. What sorts of things do you think Jesus prayed over the loaves and fish when He blessed them?
12. How was this miracle like the miracle of the widow's oil in **2 Kings 4:1-7**?
13. The apostles focused on what they lacked instead of focusing on what they had in Christ. How often do you let worry and anxiety overwhelm you because you forget what you have in Christ?
14. What things might you do to become "less forgetful?"