

# Participating in God's Miracles

Mark 6:34-44

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**The Big-Picture Truth:** Believers participate in God's miracles when we give what we have and expect Him to multiply it.

## #1: I **BRING THE NEED** TO GOD.

*When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.<sup>35</sup> By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late."<sup>36</sup> Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."*

Mark 6:34-36 (New International Version)

*"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9 (NIV)*

## #2: I **ASSESS WHAT I ALREADY HAVE**.

*But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"<sup>38</sup> "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish." Mark 6:37-38 (NIV)*

**#3: I GIVE GOD WHATEVER I HAVE.**

*Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. <sup>41</sup>Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.  
Mark 6:39-41 (NIV)*

**#4: I EXPECT HIM TO MULTIPLY IT.**

*They all ate and were satisfied, <sup>43</sup>and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. <sup>44</sup>The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.  
Mark 6:42-44 (NIV)*

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)*