



Sermon discussion guide

July 23, 2023

The Picnic

Read Luke 9:10-17. What jumps out to you about the story?

The Host

Where is Jesus headed at the beginning of this story, and why? How does Jesus respond to seeing the crowd? What do you think sheep without a shepherd means?

How are we like sheep without a shepherd today? How would you feel if someone described you that way? Why is it crucial to recognize who we were?

Jesus provides them with truth and healing. How have you experienced that in your own life?

The Setting

Jesus is in an area known for zealot activity. Who were the zealots? Considering the setting, what do you think the crowd wants from Jesus?

The crowds had already decided what they wanted from Jesus and what kind of role he should play in their lives. What are some ways people do this in our culture?

We don't follow Jesus to get where we are going. We follow Jesus to get where he is going. How does that apply to your life?

The People

What job does Jesus give the disciples? What do you think he wants them to learn?

We can't accomplish what Jesus wants for us on our own. What are some commands of Jesus that we can't pull off on our own?

Jesus asks the disciples for their inadequate resources. Have someone share about a time when they felt completely inadequate, but God used them.

How can we bring our inadequacies to God and simply give them to him? Where do you struggle to do this?

The Food

Jesus came to liberate people not from Rome, but from their sin. He came to offer himself to pay our sin debt and remove the power of sin over our lives. What questions does this bring up for you?

Jesus told the disciples, "You give them something to eat". When is Jesus telling you to give people something to eat? Is feeding people just about physical food or spiritual food? What is your nourishment plan in making sure you are spiritually feed?

This past weekend we celebrated communion. What's the significance of communion? When you participate in communion, what are some of the emotions you feel and what is the promise of God? As a group, take some time to thank God for sending Jesus to free you from sin.