

## **Give Them Something to Eat – the Church**

Sharing food and conversations with one another can be sacramental occasions of knowing and being known, times when friendships are firmly formed. Jesus enjoyed being with people around the table with good food, so much so he was accused of being a glutton.

### **Luke 9:10-17**

#### **Vs. 10—We need times to get-a-way and rest**

#### **Vs. 11—Kingdom of God**

- Jesus trained the disciples to do the same ministry He performed — **Luke 9:1-2**

#### **Vs. 12-13—You give them something to eat**

- Every trouble is an opportunity for Jesus to show up with miracle working, problem solving power!
- God rarely answers prayers devoid of human involvement. He works miracles through our hands and by our faith. “You give them something to eat.”
- We are the church. Church is something we do, not something we go to!
- If the task were humanly possible or easy, you would not need God.
- But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “ With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” **Matthew 19:26**
- Jesus said to him, “ If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” **Mark 9:23**
- Give what you have. Do what you can do. Believe God for the rest. *This is faith!*

#### **Vs. 14-17**

- The Gospel is utterly, completely communal
- Church forces us out of our isolation.
- Our job is to share what we have and trust Jesus for the rest!
- There were 12 baskets left over.

#### **Conclusion**

- When you see a need, don’t be surprised if you hear Jesus say to you, “You give them something to eat.”
- Do you have abundance or a scarcity mentality?
- Are you generous or selfish?