



FLIP THE SCRIPT - The Feeding of the 5000



BIG IDEA

When you give what you have to Jesus, He does what only He can do.



ICE BREAKER

What's the most creative thing you've ever made with leftovers in your fridge? Did it turn out better or worse than expected?



MAIN POINTS

- Three Essential Miracles Every Christian Must Believe:
 - Creation: "In the beginning, God created..." (Genesis 1:1)
 - The Incarnation: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us..." (John 1:14)
 - The Resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile." (1 Corinthians 15:17)
- God doesn't add - He multiplies
- Our skepticism keeps us thinking horizontally; God wants us to think vertically
- Three Ways to Position Yourself for God's Multiplication
 - Start With What You Have - God doesn't need much to do a lot. He just needs all you have.
 - Thank God Before the Miracle - Gratitude is not just a response - it's a catalyst
 - Miracles Start With Surrender - Surrender requires action, not just intention



DISCUSS

1. Shan mentioned that some people struggle to believe in biblical miracles like Jonah and the whale. Is there a biblical story or miracle you find hard to believe? How does focusing on the three essential miracles (Creation, Incarnation, Resurrection) help?
2. When you look at your current circumstances, what area of your life makes you think "I don't have enough" (time, money, energy, talent, etc.)? How might God want to use what you do have?
3. Share about a time when God took something small you offered and multiplied it beyond what you expected. Or if you can't think of a personal example, when have you witnessed this in someone else's life?
4. Jesus thanked God before the miracle happened. What situation in your life right now would require faith to thank God for His provision before you see the outcome? What's holding you back from that kind of trust?
5. Shan said "surrender requires action." What's the difference between wanting to surrender something to God and actually surrendering it? What practical steps does surrender look like in your situation?
6. How do you tend to approach problems - with "horizontal" human reasoning or "vertical" faith-based thinking? What would change in your current challenges if you shifted to vertical thinking?



NEXT STEP

Looking at the three action steps (start with what you have, thank God before the miracle, surrender), which one resonates most with you right now? What specific step will you take this week to put this into practice?



SCRIPTURE

John 20:30-31 - Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 6:10-11 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.



**NEXT WEEK
SNEAK PEAK**

Join us next week and invite a friend as continue the FLIP THE SCRIPT series exploring Jesus' miracles!

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