

God's Great Plans

How Many Loaves Do You Have

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Luke 9:16-17

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Introduction: God has a plan. His plan is not random and God's plan is good. God's plan wends its way through all times, all places and all people. Yes, God even has a plan for you! The prophet Jeremiah says it this way: "' For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" (Jeremiah 29:11). Join us as we look at glimpses God has given us in scripture that will shed light on God's plan for our lives and His plans for the world in which we live.

Prayer: Father, thank you for your Word and the freedom to study it with others. We recognize that what you have to say to us may make us uncomfortable and that is a good thing. Amen.

Review: How were you able to show God's hospitality to others this week?

Read: Luke 9:12-17

Discussion:

- 1) There are a lot of hungry people listening to Jesus. What plans for feeding them do the disciples have?
- 2) What is Jesus' plan for feeding the people?
- 3) What part did the disciples have in Jesus's feeding plan? What purposes does the text suggest Jesus has besides simply providing food?
- 4) What plans does Jesus want to involve you and your community in? What would the next logical step toward your involvement be?

Application: Ask God this week to show you what plans he has for you to be involved in.

Prayer: Father, thank you for including us in your redemption plans for the world. Show us where we can join into what you are doing around us this week. Amen