

When Little Becomes Much

John 6:1-13

Introduction: In mathematical division the parts increase but the whole remains the same. In Biblical division the whole increases as well.

Background: When - After the feeding of the 5,000 and before the Passover Feast

Where - On a mountain near the Sea of Galilee around Bethsaida

I. Philip's perspective

A. Philip's call

- 1. Jesus simply said, "Follow Me" and he followed. (John 1:43)**
- 2. He had knowledge of the Old Testament and knowledge of who Jesus was as a man.**

B. Philip's problem

- 1. No food, no money, no faith**
- 2. lack of faith - He should have known from Jesus' previous miracles something would happen.**

II. Andrew's perspective

A. Andrew's call

- 1. Saw John baptize Jesus**

2. professed Him as the Messiah (John 1:41)

B. Andrew's problem

1. doesn't think the little he has will be enough

2. Andrew is a realist (believes in what he can see)

III. Jesus' perspective

A. problem solver

1. Jesus had witnessed God's miraculous provision throughout history just as the disciples had witnessed Christ's miracles.

2. Jesus knew that God the Father controls everything and gives it freely to those who ask.

B. Teaching moment

1. Jesus uses this moment to teach His disciples about the Bread of Heaven.

2. "I am the Bread of Life" (John 6:35)

Conclusion: There are three ways to view any problem: 1. There is none, 2. There is not enough, 3. God will provide.