

## Home Group Questions - March 24, 2019

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1. Can you remember a time when you had a great need and someone went out of their way to help you with it?
2. Read Luke 9:1-6 with your group.
  - What stands out to you from this passage? Any comments or questions?
  - Do you think the twelve disciples were scared to go out and do these things on their own?
  - How do you think this experience might have changed their view on following Jesus?
3. Read Luke 9:10-17 with your group.
  - Notice that in verses 12-13, when they recognize that the crowds are hungry, Jesus challenges his disciples to take initiative. Why might Jesus have responded the way he did here?
  - What might the disciples' response here tell us about their mindset at the moment?
4. One could ask, "Why weren't the disciples ready to step up to the challenge in verses 12-13? They had just returned from a mission where they were preaching and healing the sick. They should have been ready for things like this." Perhaps they were tired from a long day, and didn't feel up to taking care of the needs of others in the moment. Perhaps they lacked the faith that Jesus could feed that many people. Based on their response after he tells them to give the people something to eat, it was probably a little bit of both.

All of us struggle with these same things at some point. We fail to take care of those in need, because we lack the compassion, or simply lack the energy and motivation. We fail to trust that God can do big things, because we lack the faith.

  - Which would you say is a more common reason for believers not caring for others, lacking compassion or lacking faith?
5. Perhaps one other reason the disciples weren't ready to meet the people's needs is because they simply weren't looking for an opportunity to meet a need. Perhaps they were just viewing this as a regular day, instead of looking at it as an opportunity to serve people and to see God work.
  - Why is it so hard for us to look at every day as an opportunity to care for others?
  - What can we do to improve in this area?
6. Pray with your group that God would open up opportunities for you to love and care for others. Pray that your eyes would be open to those opportunities, and that you will be willing to respond.