

## TALK IT OVER

How did everyone's action step/s go this week? What progress did you make? (We want to shepherd our few really well. Hold people accountable to what God is calling them to but do so out of love.)

Read Luke 9:1-20 (Passage is on 2nd page. This is from The New Living version. You might want to read Luke 8 to get some context of what was happening. Feel free to use or read from your own Bible/app.). Once you've read the passage ask these questions:

- What new thing did you discover in the story that you did not know before?
- What did you learn about God? (Joe said that God created us to pour out...do you agree? Why/why not? What does it say about God's character that he's created us to be generous? Jesus could have done the miracle without help. Why do you think he waited for the disciples to participate? What does that mean for us at Shift? Why do you think God is laying the dreams, that Joe talked about, on the hearts of Shift leaders?)
- What did you learn about people? (**Be sensitive here...people can get very guarded talking about money. So walk gently.** Why do you think Joe said fear causes us to store instead of pour? Do you agree with that? Why/why not? Joe shared a story from his childhood that is a root cause of his storing. If storing is your tendency, do you have a similar story? Does it cause you to store even now? What needs to happen to break that cycle? Why were the disciples still living in scarcity instead of abundance? **\*REMIND THEM OF WHAT HAPPENED IN LUKE 8\*** What happens when we invest in something? Does knowing this change how we see God calling us to be generous?)
- What will you take away from this discussion? (What did you learn about yourself this week? Do you have a tendency to pour or store? **BE OPEN HERE AND GO FIRST.**)
- What will you do with what you have learned? (In light of what we've talked about today and this week what step do you need to make? Why is your step so important to the mission that God has called Shift to? How will you make sure you do what God is asking of you?) **WRITE DOWN STEPS ANYONE NEEDS TO TAKE, INCLUDING YOU. SHARE THOSE WITH THE GROUP. THEN BE SURE TO HELP THEM ALONG THIS WEEK.**
- Is there anything else you wanted to share that we didn't hit in this discussion?
- Next week make sure to read James 5. Think through the questions we ask weekly as you read.

Make sure to check in with your SG this week. How can you pray for them? This is where the discipleship aspect comes in. Work towards identifying your 3 (that you can really pour into) and then your 1 (that person that will replicate what you're doing now). Take a few minutes each day and make a text or phone call to everyone in the group.

## *I'm In* I'm Invested

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Make sure to read ahead of time and either retell the story or have someone (multiple people) help you retelling the story. Make sure to use your update with points from Joe's sermon.

9 One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples<sup>[a]</sup> and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases.

<sup>2</sup> Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. <sup>3</sup> "Take nothing for your journey," he instructed them. "Don't take a walking stick, a traveler's bag, food, money,<sup>[b]</sup> or even a change of clothes. <sup>4</sup> Wherever you go, stay in the same house until you leave town. <sup>5</sup> And if a town refuses to welcome you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate."

<sup>6</sup> So they began their circuit of the villages, preaching the Good News and healing the sick.

### **Herod's Confusion**

<sup>7</sup> When Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee,<sup>[c]</sup> heard about everything Jesus was doing, he was puzzled. Some were saying that John the Baptist had been raised from the dead. <sup>8</sup> Others thought Jesus was Elijah or one of the other prophets risen from the dead.

<sup>9</sup> "I beheaded John," Herod said, "so who is this man about whom I hear such stories?" And he kept trying to see him.

### **Jesus Feeds Five Thousand**

<sup>10</sup> When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done. Then he slipped quietly away with them toward the town of Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup> But the crowds found out where he was going, and they followed him. He welcomed them and taught them about the Kingdom of God, and he healed those who were sick.

<sup>12</sup> Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to him and said, "Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat here in this remote place."

<sup>13</sup> But Jesus said, "You feed them."

"But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Or are you expecting us to go and buy enough food for this whole crowd?" <sup>14</sup> For there were about 5,000 men there.

Jesus replied, "Tell them to sit down in groups of about fifty each."

<sup>15</sup> So the people all sat down. <sup>16</sup> Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. <sup>17</sup> They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers!

### **Peter's Declaration about Jesus**

<sup>18</sup> One day Jesus left the crowds to pray alone. Only his disciples were with him, and he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

<sup>19</sup> "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other ancient prophets risen from the dead."

<sup>20</sup> Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

Peter replied, "You are the Messiah<sup>[d]</sup> sent from God!"