

# PREPARING FOR A MIRACLE

FLAG LOVES FORT SCOTT - PART 2 - STARTING A LEGACY

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## START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- What is a story/lesson your parents never stopped telling you about?

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## START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- How does our culture use the word, “miracle?”
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

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## START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- We avoid talking about our needs. We pretend we don’t have them. How can we authentically share our needs with trusted people without feeling like we emotionally vomited all over them?
- The disciples we about to see a need fully met by an amazing miracle, yet, they almost missed it due to three self defeating behaviors. They procrastinated, (by this time it was late in the day), they passed the buck, (send them away), and they worried, (8 month’s wages!). Share about which of the three you are currently fighting?
- Describe how you picture the scene when the disciples are trying to find out how much food there was, and all they find is a little boy and his lunch. How do you think it played out?
- The second point of the message was, “I assess what I already have.” They had five loaves, and two fish. What do you have? Why is it easier to assess what someone else has, than what we have?
- God uses whatever we give Him. What have you given God? What is your evidence that is truly is “given” to Him?
- How do you manage the tension between, “giving to get” and “giving and expecting God to bless?”

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## START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father. Please provide a Campus Pastor and a facility for FLAG Church Fort Scott. Also, what do you want me to give towards this? Help me to know, if you want me to stay or go. Amen.

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## START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- We avoid talking about our needs. We pretend we don’t have them. Who is someone you know connected to Fort Scott? Tell them about FLAG Church Fort Scott this week.

## **Mark 6:32-44 (NIV)**

<sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

<sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

<sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

<sup>35</sup> By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late.

<sup>36</sup> Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

<sup>37</sup> But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

<sup>38</sup> "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five--and two fish."

<sup>39</sup> Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass.

<sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

<sup>41</sup> Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.

<sup>42</sup> They all ate and were satisfied,

<sup>43</sup> and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.

<sup>44</sup> The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.