



Grateful

Part 2: Grateful For the Leftovers

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John 6:5-11a

⁵When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

⁸Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks....

What was Jesus blessing"?

The provision of the Father (in advance)

The sacrifice of the boy

The need of the people (Habbakuk 3:17-19)

In the good, praise God

In the difficult, seek God

In the quiet, worship God

In the pain, trust God

In every moment, thank God

John 6:11b-14

...and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹²When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."

What was Jesus blessing"?

The actual food

The leftovers

The miracle

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A Blessing for Thanksgiving

The LORD bless you, and keep you;
The LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

– Numbers 6:24-26

On your way home:

Spend the entire ride home thanking God for the blessings in your life. If there's more than one person in the car, take turns. Just say, "God, I appreciate you for _____..." and don't stop until you get home!

Next Steps

Participate in the CTK Blessing (see details inside today's program or at ctkbellingham.com/blessing).

Participate in a short-term mission trip. Explore opportunities at the **2011 Mission Trips Info Night**

Saturday, December 4

7:30 PM in the Meeting Place

Invite a friend to a Christmas Eve Service:

Friday December 24

3:30, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 PM

Childcare available for ages 4 and younger only. No Childcare at 9:30 service.

Small Group Questions



- 1) How did "thanks" find its way into your Thanksgiving celebration?
- 2) As a child, what did you do before you ate? Pray? Change the channel? If you did pray, what prayer did you use? Was it always the same? What do you do now before you eat?
- 3) How do you define the blessing of God in your life?
- 4) Have you found ways to use God's blessing in your life to bless others? What ways?
- 5) List five things that you are thankful for right now. Share those with your group.
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight? (It's OK to not share requests but blessings instead)