



“How many loaves do you have?”

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1. The mission of Jesus is **COMPASSION**.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. — Mark 6:34

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” — Luke 4:18-21

2. Jesus invites you to **JOIN** him.

“You give them something to eat.” — Mark 6:37

For we are co-workers in God’s service. — 1 Cor. 3:9

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. — John 14:12-14

3. You already have **ALL** you need.

“How many loaves do you have.” — Mark 6:38

See also: Abraham (“I’m too old”), Moses (“I can’t speak well”), Jeremiah (“I’m too young”), Solomon (“I’m not wise enough”), Peter (“I’m too sinful”), Ananias (“It’s too dangerous”)

4. Jesus will **MULTIPLY** your work.

“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 distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.” — Mark 6:41-43

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

*“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor
their righteousness endures forever.”*

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. — 2 Corinthians 9:8-11