

Gathering Time - Give

Once a week, on a day of your choosing, we're asking you to make a discussion about priorities a priority. Use this as a guide for your time together with your family or friends. Perhaps the words on this paper will only be the beginning of your priority conversation. Blessings on your Gathering Time.

Read Mark 6:35-44

In this passage Jesus is approached by his disciples, who suggest that Jesus send the large crowd - numbering in the thousands - away so they can go get something to eat. Jesus has a very pointed response to them: "You give them something to eat" (v.37). The disciples come up with some very reasonable obstacles to their being able to perform such a monumental task. In other words, the disciples think they lack the necessary resources to adequately meet the needs of the command Jesus had given them.

Aside from not wanting to spend that much money to feed a large crowd, what other obstacles may have stood in the way of the disciples feeding the crowd? Ultimately, the crowd got fed and the disciples played a significant role in that. What obedient steps did the disciples take in order to allow Jesus to work through them?

Pray together. Ask God for opportunities to use the gifts he has given you to serve others. Think of ways that you/your family can meet the needs of someone else this week. But, don't stop there. Go make it happen.

