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LUKE
That you may have certainty!

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SURPRISE!

How do you respond to unexpected guests?

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FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

Luke 9:1-6
Luke 9:10-17

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THE 1ST MISSION

Luke 9:1-6

¹ Summoning the Twelve, he gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. ² Then he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

³ "Take nothing for the road," he told them, "no staff, no traveling bag, no bread, no money; and don't take an extra shirt. ⁴ Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. ⁵ If they do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." ⁶ So they went out and traveled from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing everywhere.

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What is the significance of the introduction to Chapter 9?

This is the beginning of active ministry for the Apostles.

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What did Jesus do before sending them out?

What type of power and authority did Jesus give them?

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What mission did Jesus give the Apostles?

How did they respond?

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TRIUMPHAL RETURN

Luke 9:10-17

¹⁰ When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus all that they had done. He took them along and withdrew privately to a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹ When the crowds found out, they followed him. He welcomed them, spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

¹² Late in the day, the Twelve approached and said to him, "Send the crowd away, so that they can go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find food and lodging, because we are in a deserted place here."

¹³ "You give them something to eat," he told them.

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TRIUMPHAL RETURN

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"We have no more than five loaves and two fish," they said, "unless we go and buy food for all these people." ¹⁴ (For about five thousand men were there.)

Then he told his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." ¹⁵ They did what he said, and had them all sit down. ¹⁶ Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke them. He kept giving them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

¹⁷ Everyone ate and was filled. They picked up twelve baskets of leftover pieces.

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Returned from where?
Where had the Apostles been?

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What had the Apostles
been doing?

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Can you imagine what it
must have been like to be
there at that moment?



*Let us tell you about
all the miraculous
things that happened
during our trip!*

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What was the plan for the day?

Retreat

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UNEXPECTED GUESTS

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What happened to disrupt their plans for a retreat?



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How did Jesus respond to the unexpected, even uninvited guests?

1. He welcomed them
2. He shared the Gospel with them
3. He healed those with needs

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¹² Late in the day, the Twelve approached and said to him, "**Send the crowd away**, so that they can go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find food and lodging, because we are in a deserted place here."

How do you think the Apostles felt about the interruption?

How do we feel when someone interrupts our best laid plans?

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What did Jesus tell the Apostles to do about the problem?

Did Jesus really expect them to feed the massive crowd?

Jesus wanted them to understand that it was humanly impossible to satisfy the crowd.

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MIRACULOUS PROVISION

Luke 9:16

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How was the need met?
Where did the miraculous provision come from?

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What came before the
miraculous provision?

1. Obedience
2. Faith

HUMBLE SERVICE

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What happened after the
miraculous provision?

Jesus performs the miracle;
the Apostles serve the food.

More than just a meal...

- Jesus sent the Apostles on their 1st mission
- They returned triumphantly with much to report
- Interrupted by unexpected/uninvited guests
- Jesus welcomed the intruders and attended to their needs
- The Apostles were reminded of their limitations
- Jesus provided miraculously for their needs
- The Apostles' obedient faith led to a ministry opportunity
- God's blessing far exceeded what they asked or imagined



DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- Jesus gave the disciples an impossible task, but He also gave them specific directions.
- Their job was to obey Him. Will you obey God if He asks you to do the "impossible"?
- As with the disciples, He will give you what you need to accomplish the task.
- All He asks is your obedience and faith, and He will do the rest.
- For nothing will be impossible with God! (Luke 1:37)