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The Book of Mark: Multiply

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Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.

Mark 6:7, 12 Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits....they went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

1. Jesus sent his disciples out on a mission. Mark 6:7
2. Apostles: means "sent ones" and implies representation, authority and mission.
Mark 6:30
Representation: Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.
Authority: Luke 10:19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.
Mission: Matthew 28:18-20 All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
3. The disciples did exactly the same things that Jesus did: preaching/teaching, healing, delivering. Mark 6:12, Luke 10:9, 17

We are disciples of Jesus.

1. We have been sent out on a mission.
Mark 16:15 Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.
2. We have been given authority.
Matthew 10:1 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.
3. Our ministry is preaching, healing and delivering.
Mark 16:15, 17-18 Go into all the world and **preach**...And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will **drive out demons**; they will speak in new tongues;...they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get **well**.

We are to MULTIPLY Jesus' ministry on the earth

John 14:12 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.

Mark 6:35-44: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

The Power of a Sack Lunch!

Matthew 14:19 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 the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

Summary:

Someone (a boy) sacrificially gave to the Lord what they had.
God (Jesus) received it and blessed it and gave it back to the disciples.
The disciples gave the blessed (dedicated) gift to the people.
As they gave, the gift multiplied miraculously and everyone was satisfied.

Tithing:

The curse of self-sufficiency cuts off God as provider and relies on oneself for provision.
Tithing is trusting in God as provider and activates God's blessings.
What are God's blessings? 1. Multiplication of resources 2. Protection of resources

2 Questions for you to ponder:

1. What has God put into your hands?
2. Are you willing to commit it into God's hands?

When we step out in faith God steps out in faithfulness.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

We give (of ourselves), God multiplies, people are blessed (saved).

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

We are to MULTIPLY the gifts God has entrusted to us by giving.

2 Corinthians 9:8, 10-11 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....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

God supplies seed to sowers! Because God knows sowers sow.

God will supply and increase your store of seed so you have more to sow.

God will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. (the impact of your giving)

Life Group Discussion

1. This week's memory verse is: You will be enriched in **every** way so that you can be generous on **every** occasion (2 Corinthians 9:11). Remember that this promise is applying to those who are sowing, giving and investing sacrificially into the kingdom of God. Talk about the importance of giving vs. getting.
2. How is it "more blessed to give than to receive"?
3. What is in your hand that you can give (entrust) to God to use?
4. Tell a story of a time when you gave and felt the blessing or saw an impact.
5. How can we practically continue Jesus' ministry of preaching, healing and delivering in our everyday lives? What does that look like for you and your situation?