

Inflection Point

Pouring Out

Many people experience faith primarily as something they attend or consume. But the moments that deepen faith most often come when we begin giving it away.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you think of great service—at a restaurant, store, or somewhere else—what comes to mind? What made that experience stand out?
2. Growing up, did you see faith modeled more through what people believed, or through how they served and cared for others?
3. What usually keeps people from stepping into serving or personal ministry roles? On the flip side, what usually motivates people to start volunteering or serving others?
4. Read **Matthew 14:15–21** aloud.

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

“Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. 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. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Notice how Jesus had the disciples play a physical role in what happened. What are some lessons the disciples may have learned with this experience?

5. Why do you think stepping into service often becomes a turning point in someone’s faith story?
6. What is one step you could take this season to engage in personal ministry—serving or investing in others?