

# Jesus Teaches How to Minister

## Luke 10: 10–17

(Mt. 14:15-21; Mk. 6:30-44; Jn. 6:1-14)

**1 He demonstrated and taught the need for privacy and rest**

- a. The twelve returned and reported to Jesus
- b. Jesus sought privacy with the disciples

**2 He allowed the needy to interrupt the much needed privacy and rest**

**3 He met both spiritual and physical needs**

**4 He challenged the disciples to meet the people's needs**

- a. The wrong attitude:  
Let the people take care of themselves
- b. The right attitude:  
Let the disciples meet the peoples' needs
- c. The problem:  
Inadequate resources

**5 He approached needs in an orderly fashion**

10 When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida,

11 But the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

12 Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here."

13 He replied, "You give them something to eat." They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish — unless we go and buy food for all this crowd."

14 (About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each."

15 The disciples did so, and everybody sat down.

**6 *He looked to God  
in meeting needs***

- a. He thanked God for what He had
- b. He broke and gave what He had
- c. He utilized all for future ministering and feeding

16 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to set before the people.

17 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.