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John 6:1-13 (NLT)

### Lessons from the Loaves & Fishes:

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- Jesus multiplies what we \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus involves his \_\_\_\_\_ in his miracle.

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Mark 14:22-24 (NLT)

## Discussion Questions

1. In what areas of your life do you feel limited or inadequate? How might Jesus be inviting you to trust in His greater vision for your situation?
2. When have you experienced a season of testing in your faith? How did it prepare you for God's provision or a deeper trust in Him?
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