**SCC SMALL GROUPS**

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**Deep Spiritual Effort**

**Mark 6:30-44 (NIV)**

**Getting Started:**

A. After a busy day how do you like to unwind?

 B. If you had to feed 5,000 people at a picnic, what would you serve?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

A. Why might Mark have included the "backstory" to Herod in between sending out the

 disciples (Mark 6:6-14) and their return (Mark 6:30-31)?

 \* Compare the "banquet" Jesus served here to the one Herod served (Mark 6:21- 28).

 B. Why did Jesus decide to take the disciples away?

 \* What happened as soon as they left?

 C. When it came to "solving the food issue" what was the difference in the way the disciples and Jesus viewed the problem?

 \* Now read John 6:6. What was Jesus testing?

 \* Read John 6:9. What else do we learn about the loaves and fish?

 D. What emotions might have been expressed by the disciples in **v.37**? And **v.43**?

 E. If God can multiply food, why save the scraps?

 F. What do you believe the lesson in five loaves and feeding five thousand?

 \* Now read Mark 10:27. After reading this verse would you change your answer?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

A. What point in Pastor Scott's message spoke loudest to you? Why?

 B. Do you prefer to "go away to a quiet place" or "be in the middle of a crowd?"

 C. When it comes to sharing what you have, is there someone specific or some place

 specific that God is calling you to give to right now?