

- b. What kind of miracle do we need to feed these people?
 - c. What is your response to this statistic of hungry people?
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3. Why do the disciples want Jesus to send the hungry and tired people away?
 4. Do you know of any contemporary situations when hungry and tired people are sent away? If so, where do they go?
 5. When Jesus says, “You give them something to eat,” what is the disciples’ immediate response?
 6. When Jesus tells you, “You give them something to eat,” how do you respond?
 7. When Jesus is present with the disciples in feeding the crowd, what is the responsive action of the disciples?
 8. When has Jesus been present with you in feeding the people, and what is your responsive action?
 9. What is it about the presence of Jesus that allows the disciples to respond with generosity?



*Touching heaven, changing earth
with head, heart and hands*

Sunday, January 15, 2017
Luke 9:12-17

We offer these questions for reflection during the service or during your week. Ponder them yourself, or discuss them with friends. Many small groups use them for discussion; if you would like to participate in a group, visit www.laumc.org/grouplife.

1. In today’s scripture story, 5,000 hungry people are fed with five loaves of bread and two fish.
 - a. Do you believe this miracle took place? Why or why not?
 - b. If it did not take place, why is it in the Bible?
 - c. What is your response to this story?
2. According to the USDA, more than one in seven American households—49 million individuals, including 12 million children—struggle to have enough to eat.
 - a. Do you believe that these hungry people can be fed? Why or why not?

