



JESUS IS GREATER

WEEK #1: JESUS IS GREATER THAN MY INADEQUACY

INTRODUCTION

Hunger, thirst, Jesus is greater. Sickness, suffering, Jesus is greater. Jesus is greater than all your bondage and war. He's greater than self-image, and he opened the door. Jesus is greater than your sin, didn't you hear? He's greater than your worry, so there's no need to fear. Jesus is greater than wealth, technology; he's greater than earthly kings, political policies. He's greater than religion or any proposition, giver of many things, more than what this world can bring. Jesus is greater.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's your initial reaction to the question, *"What are we going to do for Jesus?"*
2. Have you ever felt inadequate or unworthy to serve Jesus? Share your experience.
3. How does the story of the boy with the five loaves and two fish challenge your perspective on serving Jesus?
4. In what ways do we sometimes try to *'coach Jesus up'* as the disciples did, and how can we instead trust his methods even when they seem impractical?
5. What's your *"sack lunch"*—the skills, resources, or abilities you could offer to Jesus?
6. How does the boy's willingness to give up his lunch challenge our own attitudes about sacrificing for God's work?
7. How can we better align our desire to serve with actual needs in our church and community, rather than insisting on serving in ways that may not be necessary?
8. How have you seen God multiply small acts of service in your life or the lives of others?
9. Discuss the three things Jesus did with the offering (took it, broke it, blessed it). How do these actions apply to our service today?
10. How does the idea that your service is a *"miracle"* change your view of volunteering or ministry?
11. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?

SCRIPTURE & KEY TAKEAWAYS

Matthew 14:15-16, 14:19 / John 6:5-6, 6:9, 6:11 / 2 Corinthians 12:7 / Luke 9:16.

1. We often underestimate what we have to offer Jesus.
2. Jesus can use even our smallest offerings to make a big impact.
3. Serving Jesus involves finding out what's needed and offering what we have.
4. When we put our *"sack lunch"* in Jesus' hands, miracles happen.