

The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

Re: GROUP

The King's Road: A Test of Faith (Part 2)

Matthew 15:29-39

Small Group Discussion Questions

Icebreaker

1. Have you ever studied hard for a test only to realize you weren't as prepared as you thought?
2. What is something important God has taught you through experience rather than through a lesson or sermon?

Digging Into the Text

Read Matthew 15:29-39

I. Lab Testing (15:29-31)

Jesus Among the Gentiles

1. Why is it significant that Jesus is ministering in Gentile territory?
2. What do the healings of the blind, lame, crippled, and mute reveal about Jesus?
3. How do these miracles connect to the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah?
4. Verse 31 says the crowd "glorified the God of Israel." Why is that an important detail?

Learning Through Experience

5. What lessons do you think the disciples should have been learning as they watched Jesus heal Gentiles?
6. How has God used life experiences to teach you truths that you may not have learned otherwise?
7. Can you think of a time when God was working around you, but you didn't fully recognize it until later?

II. Pop Quiz (15:32-39)

Jesus' Compassion

8. What stands out to you about Jesus' concern for the crowd's physical needs?
9. How does Jesus demonstrate both grace and truth in this passage?
10. Why is compassion an essential part of following Jesus?

The Disciples' Response

11. Why do you think the disciples struggled to believe Jesus could provide food after already witnessing the feeding of the five thousand?
12. What are some ways believers today forget God's past faithfulness?
13. How can remembering God's previous provision strengthen our faith in present challenges?

Jesus' Provision

14. What does Jesus do with the resources the disciples already have?
15. What principles can we learn from the fact that Jesus used seven loaves and a few fish rather than creating food from nothing?
16. Why do you think Jesus often asks people to offer what they have before He performs a miracle?

Personal Application

17. In what area of your life is God currently asking you to trust Him beyond your available resources?
18. Are there situations where you are focused more on what you lack than on what Christ can provide?
19. What "small loaves and fish" (abilities, resources, opportunities, relationships, time, etc.) has God placed in your hands?
20. How can you offer those things to Him for His kingdom purposes?

Reflection Questions

21. How often do you find yourself surprised by God's answers to prayer?
22. Have there been times when God's provision looked different than what you expected?
23. What helps you remember God's faithfulness during seasons of doubt?

Gospel Focus

24. What does this passage teach us about the scope of Jesus' mission?
25. Why is it important that Jesus provided for both Jews and Gentiles?
26. How does this account point forward to the invitation of the gospel for all peoples?

Closing Challenge

This week, take time to write down three ways God has provided for you in the past. Then identify one area where you need His provision today and commit to trusting Him with what you already have rather than focusing on what you lack.

Prayer Time

Prayer Reflection

Before praying, ask each person:

- Where do you currently need God's provision?

- What situation is testing your faith right now?
- Have you forgotten a way God has been faithful in the past?

Prayer Prompts

1. **Thank God for His Faithfulness**
 - Praise Him for specific ways He has provided in the past.
2. **Pray for Greater Faith**
 - Ask God to help you trust Him when resources seem insufficient.
3. **Pray for Compassion**
 - Ask God to give you the heart of Jesus toward people who are hurting and in need.
4. **Pray for Kingdom Impact**
 - Ask God to use your abilities, resources, and opportunities for His purposes.