



## **Gary Inrig – The Miracles (More Than Enough)**

*Read the Chapter in Advance of the Weekly Study. Make a Mental Note or Jot Down Something That Stood Out To You – and “Why? (Something strike you - strange – new or different?)”*

### **Week 10 – Read Chapter Ten – More Than Enough**

**Read – John 6:1-14; Mark 14:13-21; Luke 9:10-17; Matthew 14:13-21 in advance of the study.**

**\*NOTE:** Before beginning it is always good to see if there are any immediate prayer needs among the group and be sure to include within opening prayer. Remind all too that ... *“What we say here stays here” so there is freedom in sharing – we are all learning from each other and from the Holy Spirit together – “Iron sharpens Iron” (Proverbs 27:17)*

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Lord God – thank You for all things – and especially this time – together – we pray that You bless our time and our discussions. – Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts to do business with You and learn from You – show us what we do not yet know ... we pray in Jesus name Amen!

**Overview:** In this chapter - Gary explores the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000 from John Chapter 6, pointing out that Jesus is sufficient for all our needs. Life consistently pushes us beyond our capabilities – *the point of which* is to seek His direction first. The miracle Jesus performed here shows that when we plan and ‘*calculate*’ –on our own and without Him - we stay helpless and always come up short. In Him the impossible becomes possible. When we obey Him, His sufficiency proves to be more than enough. A good reminder that - *what is impossible with man ... **with God - all things are possible!***

- Jesus calls us to recognize both our responsibility and our inadequacy.
- The impossible tasks of life – are meant to teach us dependence on Him.
- People matter to Jesus, and they also must matter to us – if we claim to be His followers. Indifference is not an option.
- We are conduits, not sources. Our role is to keep going back to Jesus and distribute what He provides.
- Don't miss the message in the miracle. Physical provision points to spiritual reality—Jesus is the Bread of Life.

**Read together - John 6:1-14**



***"When Christ is all you have, you find He is: all you need"***

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Share a time when you felt completely inadequate for a situation you were facing. What happened? How did you respond?

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2. How does recognizing our inadequacy work toward or position us to experience God's sufficiency?

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3. Philip calculated the cost (200 denarii) and concluded it was impossible. Andrew found resources but reasoned it wouldn't be enough. How do you respond when faced with impossible situations? At what point might you consider that Jesus (*as in this miracle*) may already have a strategy to deploy?

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4. Jesus saw the interrupting crowd as an opportunity rather than an intrusion, showing compassion for sheep without a shepherd. How can we learn to develop this instinct to ... "keep an open heart to hurting people"?

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5. Each disciple ended up with a basket of leftovers—more than they started with. Have you ever experienced a time when obeying God led to you having "more than enough"? Share an example.

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Things to Do this Week - Try to Put At Least One into Practice (These are only thought starters) –

- **Inadequacy Inventory:** List a couple of areas where you might feel inadequate or overwhelmed. For each - write out a prayer inviting Jesus into your calculation.
- **Swamp or Stream?:** Identify one way you've been acting as a "swamp" (*keeping resources for yourself*). Take one step this week to become a "conduit" (allowing God's provision to flow through you to others). Examples: time, money, gifts, encouragement, hospitality.
- **Compassion Practice:** When your plans are interrupted this week, pause and ask: "*Lord, is this person an opportunity You're placing before me?*" Practice seeing one "interruption" as a divine appointment. Journal about the experience.

**Closing Prayer:** *(this prayer is only a suggestion - please pray on your own as the Holy Spirit leads)*

*–Note: If there are any needs that have arisen during the study tonight – lift these up - especially.*

*Thank You Jesus – for Your work in our lives and the lessons that You always have for us – to learn. We thank You especially for those things we feel most inadequate about – help us to completely rely upon You and trust Your sufficiency – give us the faith to carry through and to be conduits of Your love – meet us in our doubts and lead us into a deeper and more enduring faith ... help us to obey even when we don't see how ... we pray this in Jesus name – Amen!*

*“Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set a seal.” - John 6:27*