

Dinner with Jesus 5
The Table of Provision
(Luke 9:10-17)

Tanglewood Community Church Vision (2026): *Strain to Love:*
Sharing the Table of Christ
Mission Slogan: *Every Chair Filled, Every Heart Engaged*

Introduction: In this series; we've seen how ordinary meals became extraordinary moments of ministry when Jesus sits at the table. In today's dinner we see Jesus provides more than enough to meet our needs.

I. The pressing need – The problem (Luke 9:10-12)

- A. The disciples return from ministry needing rest, but the crowds follow.
 - 1. Jesus welcomes, teaches, and heals (v.11).
 - 2. The disciples suggest sending the crowd away to find food (v.12).
- B. A spiritual parallel: our world is full of people hungry for hope, healing, meaning.
 - 1. "We have no more than five loaves and two fish" (v.13).
 - 2. *Warren Wiersbe:* "To them, the crowds were a problem... to Jesus, they were sheep without a shepherd."

Our inadequacy is the doorway to Christ's sufficiency.

II. A perplexing command – Jesus' response (Luke 9:13-14)

- A. Jesus says, "You give them something to eat" (v.13).
 - 1. The disciples react: not enough money, not enough food.
 - 2. *John 6:6:* "He said this to test [Philip], for He Himself knew what He would do."

Max Lucado: "Faith begins where man's power ends."

James Merritt: "Jesus is all you need when Jesus is all you have."

- B. Obedience: Jesus asks them to seat the crowd in groups (v.14).
Psalm 23:1-2: He makes them lie down in green pastures...

Jesus calls us to do what we cannot on our own—to trust Him.

III. A plentiful provision – The miracle of multiplication (Luke 9:15-17)

- A. Jesus blesses the food and gives it to the disciples to distribute.

- B. "They all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of leftover fragments were taken up by them" (v.17). One full basket for each disciple.

Ephesians 3:20: He is able to do exceedingly abundantly...

Psalm 107:9: He satisfies the longing soul.

2 Corinthians 9:8: God is able to make all grace abound toward you...

John 6:35: "I am the Bread of Life."

Psalm 34:8: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Adrian Rogers: The miracle points to Jesus, not just the bread.

Warren Wiersbe: "We are not manufacturers; we are only distributors."

Trusting Jesus to provide as we minister – how we do it.

1. Acknowledge our inadequacy – and yield it to Christ

John 15:5: Without Me you can do nothing.

2. Obey Jesus' "impossible" commands

1 Thessalonians 5:24: He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

3. Offer what you have – no matter how little

Luke 21:1-4: The widow's offering.

Chuck Swindoll: "God is not looking for superstars, but for ordinary people..."

4. Remember the leftovers – God's faithfulness

Philippians 4:19: My God shall supply all your needs...

5. Seek the Giver more than the gift

John 6:35: Jesus, the Bread of Life.

John Piper: "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him."

Closing Encouragement:

Don't underestimate your lunchbox. Don't underestimate your kitchen table. Don't underestimate what God can do when we strain to love, share the table of Christ, and trust Him to fill every chair and engage every heart.