



**5 Lessons From The Feeding Of The 5 Thousand**

**#1 - Ministry is not always go go go. We must STOP AND REFRESH.**

*"When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida." Luke 9:10 NIV*

**#2 - Our PRAGMATIC solutions may not be FAITH solutions.**

*"Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the crowd away...' He replied, 'You give them something to eat.'" Luke 9:12-13a NIV*

*"We have only five loaves of bread and two fish - unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." Luke 9:13b NIV*

**#3 - Solving problems starts with DIVIDING INTO SMALLER problems.**

*"(About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, 'Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.'" Luke 9:14 NIV*

**#4 - Miracles always involve THANKS.**

*"Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks..." Luke 9:16a NIV*

**#5 - Miracles always involve BROKENNESS.**

*"He broke them... They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over." Luke 9:16b-17 NIV*