HomeGroup Discussion Guide

March 29-April 4, 2009

Key Idea of the Week:

In Luke 9 Jesus looked at the crowd of 5000 and told his disciples "You give them something to eat." All that the disciples had was five loaves and two fish. Jesus was fully aware of this inadequacy, but he still commanded them to start distributing the food. When they obeyed, He supplied the difference and the entire crowd was fed with basketfulls of food left over. Jesus still calls people to meet needs in the world, and he still multiplies our offerings and abilities. What are you offering Him and what need are you called to meet with His strength?

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read Psalm 139:1-16.

Discuss

What phrases or images in this passage surprise you? Why?

How do you feel when you read about how intimately God knows you? Explain.

How do you feel when you read verse 14? Why do you feel that way?

Do you believe that you can make a lasting difference in the world? Explain.

Of all the 'needs' in the world, can you identify one that greatly burdens your heart and that you would like to make a difference in? Have everyone write their 'need' down, then share them with the group.

Look around the group. Can you see how someone else in the group has been specially prepared to meet the need that burdens their heart? Maybe an experience or ability or life situation that enables them to make a difference? Discuss.

Look at the need that you wrote down. What might you do this week to address that need and make a difference with God's help?

Pray for courage to act on what you've learned this week and for any requests that may have been raised by members of the group.