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ENTERING THE SCENE:

The picture says it all; so many people, with so many needs. Jesus says it is well that they have come, and then tells them what it is like in God's kingdom. Next he takes care of any physical need that might get in the way of people hearing what he wanted to share with them. Now instead of a quiet retreat after a busy time of ministry, the disciples are once again stretched beyond their imaginations.

Common sense is not equal to this situation. It is the time for uncommon sense.

When was the last time you had to reach into your heart for an uncommon sense response? How can these memories help you understand this passage better?

Luke 9: 11-17

¹¹ When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he **welcomed** them, and spoke to them about the **kingdom of God**, and **healed** those who needed to be **cured**. ¹² The day was drawing to a close, and the **twelve** came to him and said, "Send the **crowd** away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to **lodge and get provisions**; for we are here in a **deserted place**." ¹³ But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than **five loaves** and **two fish**— unless we are to go and **buy food** for all these **people**." ¹⁴ For there were about **five thousand** men. And he said to his **disciples**, "Make them sit down in groups of about **fifty** each." ¹⁵ They did so and made them **all sit down**. ¹⁶ And taking the **five loaves** and the **two fish**, he looked up to **heaven**, and blessed and **broke** them, and gave them to the **disciples** to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ And all ate and were **filled**. What was **left over** was gathered up, twelve baskets of **broken pieces**.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Because of modern media we are confronted with so many unmet needs these days. How does this teaching help you reach into your faith for a response?

PRAYER: Servant Jesus, you served up the words that make my soul hungers go away, yet my body hunger comes back each day with regular demands. Too often I make sure that the body gets what it demands and only look to my souls needs when I get some spare time. Help me as I continue to meet my real body and soul needs in ways that heal my fears of not having enough. Amen.