

# DEEPER GRACE: EXERCISE TWO

*The Apostle Peter calls us 'stewards of grace.' (1 Peter 4:10)*

*We receive grace from God and in turn become the caretakers of that grace—not only for ourselves but toward others as well.*

## Review the text



*Be still*

*Invite the Holy Spirit*

*Breathe*

Don't hurry: Wait until you're confident the Spirit is poised to help you in this exercise.

Mark's gospel, chapter six, verses 33-44 reports one occasion when Jesus fed five thousand people. Take a few minutes to revisit that account. Read it slowly. Read it twice. Use a different translation. Try telling the story to someone else in your own words.

## Use Your Imagination

*This is not a Bible study, it's an invitation to become part of the scene.*

After reviewing the story, try to put yourself into the story by imagining you are one of the disciples. In this story the disciples are the stewards of God's grace.

Take a few minutes to re-live the story in your mind, from the viewpoint of the disciples. Are you tired from a full day of ministry?

Try to imagine Jesus selecting a young boy and asking him what's in his lunch basket?



## Consider and Write



*Be Specific:*

How did you feel when Jesus looked at you and said, "Give them something to eat?" What did the boy with the loaves and fish look like? How did Jesus bless the food? What did your basket look like as you began to distribute the food? How did it feel to see the miracle of multiplication up close?

***IMAGINE: Seeing yourself as a part of the action can give you a way to encounter God's word. Even more: Your imagination can change the way you see yourself as a partner with Jesus. We are stewards of God's grace, working with the Master..***