

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Ethan Pope (8 yrs old) - after 2 1/2 years continues to fight leukemia. He has responded well to the latest treatment so the doctors intend to proceed with the plan leading into stem cell transplant. Pray Ethan's immune system will rise so they can continue and that the remaining cells will be banished from his body. Ethan will be staying at or near LPCH for 5 to 6 months. Pray for the whole family during this long journey.

Robert Burns and Steve Elmore - at Dominican Hospital this past week. Pray for their recovery.

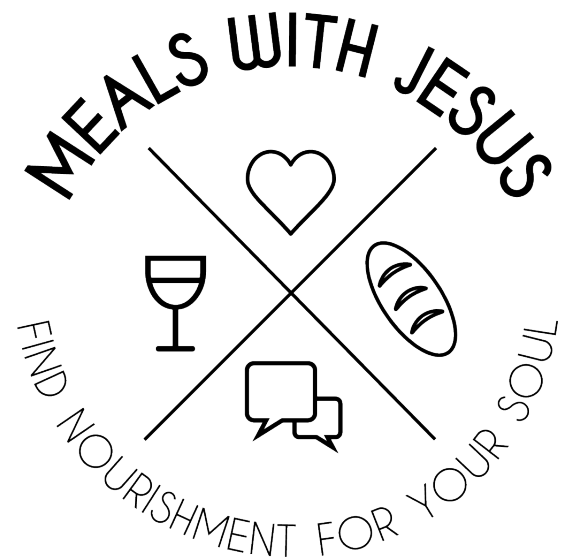
Asher Sarjent - who has recently started ministry at Cole Community Church as their Global Outreach Pastor, had surgery on 5/3. Pray for a quick recovery.

Tom Carr, Nancy Shipley, Sue Doxater and Ken Olson - on Hospice Care. Pray for God's peace and comfort.

Katie Taylor - 5 months have passed since her kidney transplant. She is healthy, happy and full of energy. Praise to the Lord!

Jess Hall - has been accepted at Hope 4 Cancer Clinic. She will be leaving on 5/9. She will be there for 3 weeks, treatments for 6 hours a day. Thank you for praying.

AFnetAid and its supporters wish to thank the contributors who have brought in cell phones for recycling. Collecting recycled phones has, over the years, generated around \$1000 to help support A.I.D.s orphans in Southern Africa. After May 15th, we will no longer be collecting phones at TLC. Please look for other locations to donate your phones for recycling. To continue making cash donations to AFnetAid, be sure to go to their website: afnet.org.



FREE LUNCH

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MAY 7 & 8

CONTEXT OF LUKE 9: The disciples are sent out to proclaim the gospel--with zero resources (Luke 9:2,3). When they return, Jesus takes them away for a debrief, but massive crowds follow...

Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "**Send the crowd away** so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here." He replied, "**You give them something to eat.**" Luke 9:12,13a

He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. John 6:9

They answered, "**We have only five loaves of bread and two fish**—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." (About **five thousand men** were there.) Luke 9:13b-14a

THREE QUESTIONS THAT DETERMINE MY LIFE'S IMPACT:

1. WHAT DO I THINK IS _____
FOR GOD TO _____?

“Send the crowd away...” Luke 9:12

“About five thousand men were there...” Luke 9:14

2. WHAT DO I THINK IS _____
FOR GOD TO _____?

“We have only five loaves of bread and two fish...” Luke 9:13

3. WHAT WILL I DO BECAUSE I BELIEVE
_____?

But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then **he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people.** They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. Luke 9:14b-17

KEY PHRASE: _____

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Luke 10:1,2

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

He replied, “You give them something to eat.” Luke 9:13

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Brief daily readings based on this weekend's topic:

MONDAY Look back over this week's message notes. What do you feel God taught you this weekend? What's one big idea you left with? *Thank you Lord that your Word is alive. It reaches out to me and challenges and comforts me. Let me respond to your teaching. Amen.*

TUESDAY Read Luke 9:12 and get a few more details in John 6:1-7. Why do you suppose Jesus wanted to test the disciples (Remember the context of Luke 9:1-3 and 10:1-3)? What does Philip's answer reveal to you about Philip's state of mind? In what area are you feeling overwhelmed right now? How do you tend to react when you feel overwhelmed? Answer the first question: What do I think is too BIG for God to handle? *Lord, I bring to you the things that overwhelm me. Help me realize nothing is too big for you. I rest in your strength today. Amen.*

WEDNESDAY Read Luke 9:13-14 and get more details in John 6:8-15. In what ways can you relate to Andrew? In what area right now do you feel you don't have enough resources? How do you tend to react when you feel under-resourced? Answer the second question: What do I think is too LITTLE for God to work with? *Lord, I bring to you today the areas where I feel under-resourced. Thank you that you promise you will supply all my needs. I want to rest in your sufficiency today. Amen.*

THURSDAY This amazing miracle began as an unwelcome interruption. When has an interruption been used by God in your life to do something great? How can you make room in your life for these divine appointments? *Lord, help me see even the interruptions today as potential ministry and learning opportunities. Let me see life through your eyes. Amen.*

FRIDAY Read Luke 10:1,2. After the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus again sends out dozens of disciples to proclaim the gospel. What do you think they learned from the miraculous feeding about their resources (and God's provision) that inspired them? *Lord, help me never to disqualify myself from serving in ministry because I feel my resources are too small. Let me go do what needs to be done, knowing you will provide! Amen.*

SATURDAY Read Luke 10:38-42 to get ready for this weekend's message! What jumps out at you from this passage? *Lord, bless the services this weekend in amazing ways! Please fill all the workers and volunteers with your Spirit!*