

“Jesus gave thanks”

Get comfortable in your seat...
Ready?

Now read the following text. Take your time, don't rush through it.

Luke 9:10-17

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, but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

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.”

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.)

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.

1. Why did Jesus give thanks when he and the disciples only had a small amount to give a large crowd of people?
2. In terms of expected gratitude, how is Jesus' giving thanks different from our own?
3. On the back of this sheet of paper, **take some time to write a prayer** to God in response to what you've read here. Are there questions you want to ask God? Do you want to thank God for things He has done in your life? Do you want to ask God to show you what being grateful like Jesus looks like?