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5. What does it look like for our proclamation (words) and our healing (deeds) to work hand in hand?
- 6.* Why does Jesus tell them what not to take rather than what to take? What should you not take in your Jesus assignment?
- 7.* What was the value of the apostles "reporting to Jesus what they had done"? Does this happen in your small group?
8. Why does Jesus tell his disciples to give the crowd something to eat? Is God asking you to meet someone's needs?
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