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Title: In His Hands

1. CONNECT *Question of the Day. Highs and Lows. Share how last week's message influenced your week.*

Last week, Pastor Albert said, "Our giving is a response to God's love towards us." How did you experience God's invitation of love through giving this past week?

2. ENGAGE: SERMON REVIEW + DISCUSSION

Read the Scripture Passage . Recap of the Message.

Read John 6:5-15 together as a LifeGroup.

In today's passage, we found God is inviting you to participate in the miracle He wants to do. When we put what we have in God's hands, we experience the miraculous wonder of God.

Discussion Questions

1. *Jesus wants to do a miracle and do it through you:* Your participation is grace! Do you see your participation as grace? Why or why not? How can you move towards a God who wants to partner with you in experiencing His miracle?
2. *Bring it anyway:* God doesn't measure the amount, he measures the sacrifice. The little boy brings what he has, as insignificant as it may have seemed with the needs being so great, and puts it in Jesus' hands. What is in your hands? What you sense God is inviting you to "bring anyway"?
3. *Have the faith to **put it in his hands**:* Our sacrificial giving is not a cognitive decision, it's a spiritual expression of surrender. As you think about what God wants to do through the MOVED campaign, what does it look like to express this spiritual act of surrender in your life?
4. *The invitation to not keep it in your pockets:* Sometimes we keep in our pockets what should be in God's hands. What does it mean for you to not keep the sacrifice in your pockets and instead put it in God's hands?

3. APPLY: NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

In John 6:5-15, we see the disciples merely *watched* God's miracle and wonder, but the boy *experienced* God's miracle and wonder. How can you take practical steps toward *experiencing* God's miracle and wonder, not merely *watch* it?

4. PRAYER

Take some time to hear prayer requests from each member of your LifeGroup. Pray specifically for all the commitments that were made from this week's "Commitment Sunday," and for God's favor and blessing over these acts of sacrificial giving. Pray for God's ongoing work in and through you to unleash compassion and hope into the world.