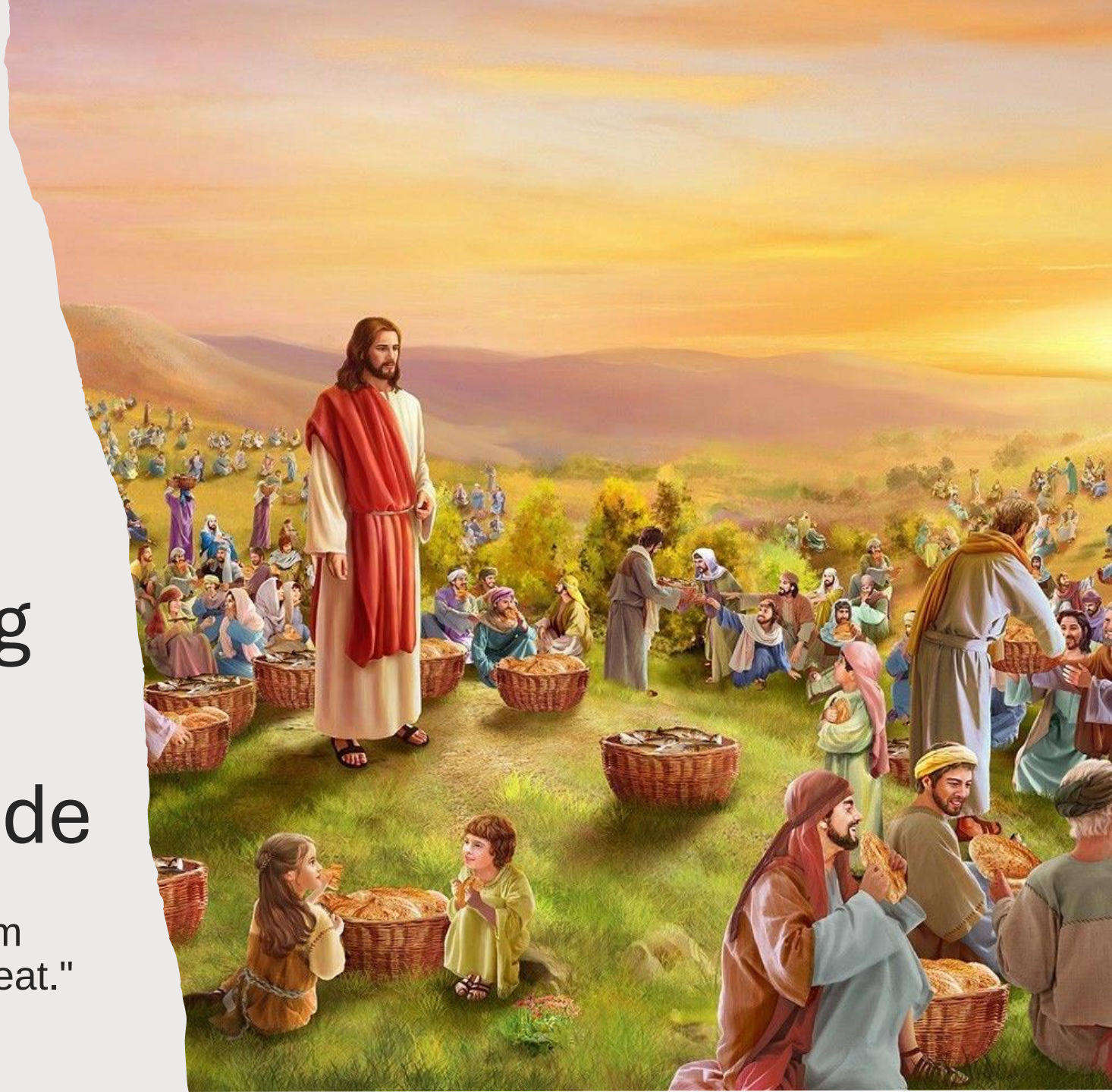


The Feeding of a Multitude

"You give them something to eat."
– Luke 9:13



1. The gathering of the people



- Liturgy
- The gathering of the people together is significant
 - Unity
 - Encourages
 - Support
- “Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.” (Acts 12:5)

1. The gathering of the people

- The gathering should be orderly arranged
 - "For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints." (1 Cor. 14:33)
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2. An offering by the people

- We are to offer something – even if it seems insufficient or insignificant
- EX: Poor Widow
- “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury...” (Mk. 12:43)



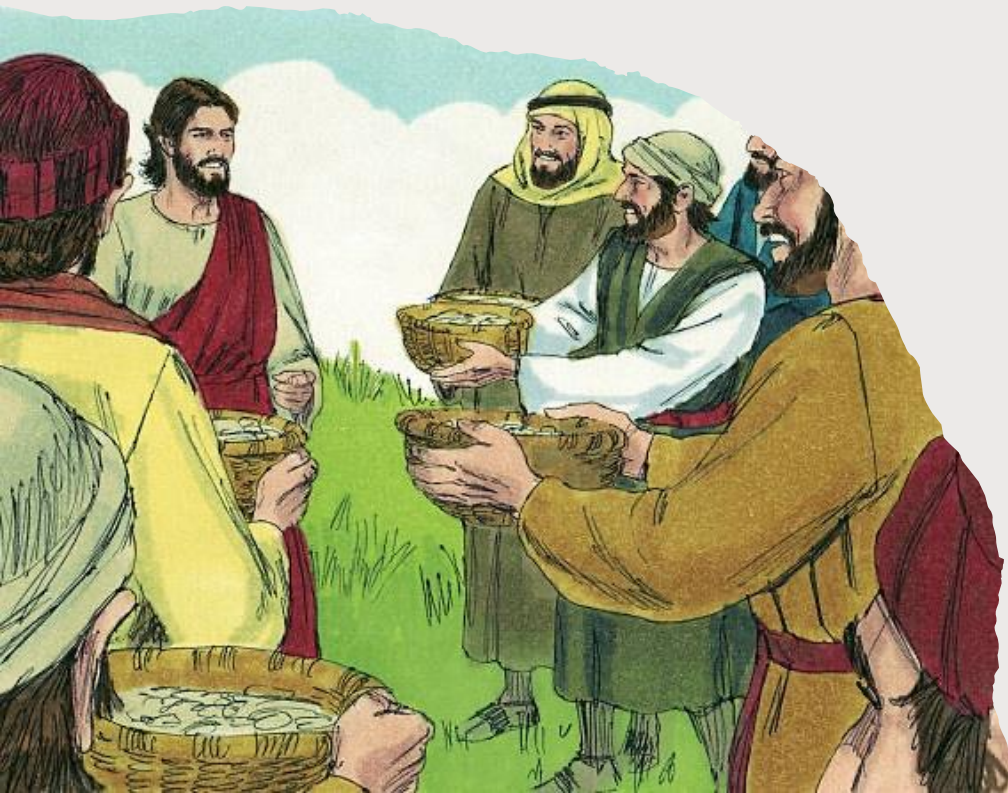


3. The Blessing is from the Lord

- The blessing of the Eucharist is transformative
- “So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.” (1 Cor. 3:7-8)
- EX: Moses
- EX: Elisha



4. The meal is to be distributed by the disciples



- “Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude.” (Lk. 9:16)
- The Lord desires us to be fed from this miraculous food through the hands of the apostles.
- And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." (Lk. 22:19)

5. Nothing should be lost

- “So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.” (Lk. 9:17)
- Value and sacredness



Lessons

Do not
devalue

Do not devalue the gathering in Church

Come

Come with something to offer to the Lord

Blessed

Let all you do be done in the Lord and blessed by Him

Work

Work together so that no one is lost