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"Debilitating Negativity"

John 6:1-9

New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

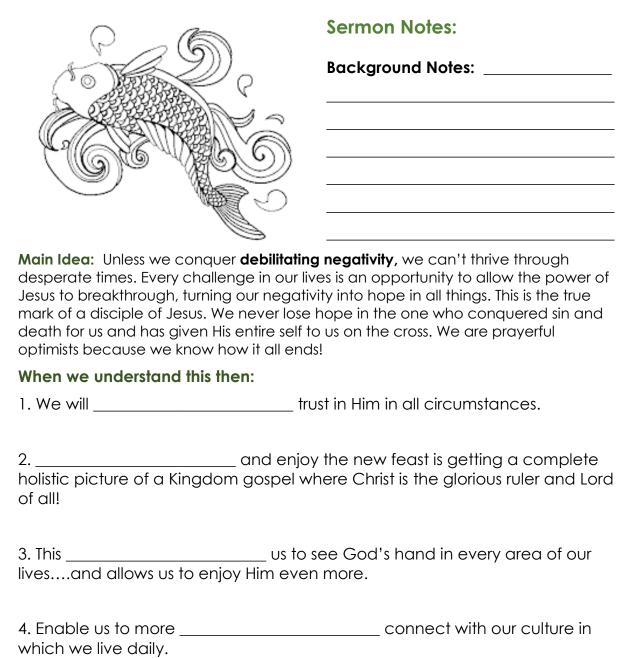
⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

7 Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Footnotes:

a. John 6:7 Greek take two hundred denarii



More than just filling the tummies of a massive crowd Jesus was trying to reveal their greatest fundamental needs and how He was their greatest need. He was also trying to show them that a new kingdom has come with

How has God been trying to show you this?

Christ as its true King, and that all the world belonged to Him.

"We live in an increasingly negative culture and it's easy to be dragged down with all the discouraging and depressing events that flood our hearts and overwhelm our minds. I believe Christians have a huge opportunity to be counter-cultural missionaries in this dark day by demonstrating the positive power of the Gospel in their lives. "- David Murray

There is an element of truth to this. The Apostle Paul warns, "Bad company ruins good morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33), while Solomon counsels, "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm" (Proverbs 13:20). We are responsible to guard ourselves against certain negative influences. But even a brief analysis shows that the Bible's warnings do not concern people who may put us into "a negative space" or keep us from soaring like eagles, but people determined to lead us into sin. If we do not have the convictions or maturity to stand firm against temptation, we need to avoid situations and even people who may tempt us into sin."

-Tim Challies

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How would you have responded? Why is this a true test and what does it reveal?

Three ways negativity can manifest itself in your life:

1. Impossibility. "It's not possible!"

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2.	Indifference. "It's not my problem!"
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3.	Inadequacy.
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CHURCH CHAT QUESTIONS:

What's for Lunch?

Read the story of the boy who gave his lunch away that's found in John 6. Then make a picture of that lunch by coloring the Y spaces yellow and the B spaces brown. You may color the leftover spaces with your favorite color.

