

## FAITH, FINANCES, AND A FRESH START

Lesson Two • John 6:1-14  
Economics 101 With Jesus

### Do You Need a Fresh Start in Your Finances?

If demand exceeds supply and your cry is “NOT ENOUGH” at the end of the week or month, then take notice of the economic plan of Jesus!

#### The Economic Plan of Jesus for His People:

### I. WITHOUT Christ Demand Exceeds Supply and the Cry Is “Not Enough!” *John 6:1-9*

#### *The Need of the Multitude:*

To minister to the needs of over 5,000 people by FEEDING them.

#### *The Need of the Our Church:*

To minister to the needs of people by FUNDING our mission of leading people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus.

#### *Three Things Can Cause the Problem of Demand Exceeding Supply:*

- If we have no sense of PLANNING in our lives. vs. 1-5
  
- If we have no sense of PURPOSE in our stewardship. vs. 5-9
  
- If we have no sense of POTENTIAL through Christ. vs. 9

### 2. WITH Christ Supply Exceeds Demand and the Cry Is “More Than Enough!” *John 6:10-14*

#### *How did supply exceed demand of feeding the multitude?*

It began when a little boy was willing to give his LUNCH to Jesus.

#### *How will supply exceed demand of funding our church's mission?*

It begins when I am willing to give my FINANCES to God.

#### *Two Powerful Economic Principles of God:*

- God delights in using our GIVING to accomplish His purposes no matter how much or how little.
  
- God delights in making up the DIFFERENCE in our apparent problems of demand exceeding supply.

#### **Key Question: Are You Willing to TRUST God with Your Finances?**

Just as the little boy put his lunch in the hands of Jesus, are you willing to put your finances in the hands of God?

#### *Three Steps to Take in God's Economic Plan:*

- GIVE a portion of your income to God first.
- ASK God to use your giving to make up the difference.
- EXPECT God to do a miracle in your life and our church in 2011.