Generous

Christmas at The Chapel December 18-24

There's more to life than this life.

YOLO You only live once.

YOLT You only live twice.

"...man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement." [Hebrews 9:27]

"Two great days in our lives, the day we were born, and the day we dis covered why we were born." Mark Twain

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"The apostles returned to Jesus and told Him all they had done and taught." [Mark 6:30]

1. God wants to use <u>us</u> to impact those around us

"And He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while."" [Mark 6:31]

"Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them." [Mark 6:33]

"When He went ashore, He saw a great crowd and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And He began to teach them many things." [Mark 6:34] "Philip answered Him, 'Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." [John 6:7]

2. Our own resources and strength will <u>never</u> be enough.

"And when it grew late, His disciples came to Him and said, 'This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.'" Mark [6:36-37]

"But He answered, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to Him, 'That would take more than two hundred denarii. Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat.'" [Mark 6:37]

3. When we give what we have to God He will use it.

"How many loaves do you have?" He asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five-and two fish." [Mark 6:38]

"...but what are they for so many." [John 6:8]

4. Until we're <u>thankful</u> for what is not enough, we cannot be <u>multiplied</u> into what is more than enough.

"And taking the five loaves and two fish He looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves." [Mark 6:41]

"And they all ate and were satisfied." [Mark 6:42]

5. God knows what we need down to the smallest detail.