

EXAMPLE: SEARCHING SCRIPTURE WORKSHEET FOR CHAMPIONS

Dear [Champion name],

I'm excited to be embarking on this personal adventure with you where we'll learn together how to grow to full maturity in Christ in the cause of sharing our bread. As we discussed, the place for us to start is Scripture. Here, we can find out how God himself has shared his bread with humanity. As you and I search Scripture to identify how God has shared his bread with us, let's take time to reflect on each passage and answer the questions that follow. That will form the basis for the group work we'll start on shortly with other champions.

Here's a sample list of passages that I've found helpful that I encourage you to look up. But don't feel limited to these! If there are others you think are important for us to look at, by all means include those, too.

Here's my list:

- Mark 6:21-29
- Matthew 15:29-38
- Psalm 25:25-26
- Luke 14:12-14
- Matthew 11:5
- Psalm 25:35-36
- Luke 1:52-53
- Exodus 24:9-11
- Proverbs 22:9
- John 6:55-56
- Psalm 107:8-9
- Mark 1:15-17
- Acts 10:28
- Matthew 15:11
- Acts 10:15
- John 15:3
- Exodus 24:11
- James 2:16
- Isaiah 58:3-7
- 1 Kings 17:12
- John 6:9
- Leviticus 19:10
- Leviticus 23:22
- Job 31:16-23
- Matthew 26:17-29
- John 21:1-14
- Romans 12:17-21
- Exodus 23:3 & 6
- Luke 24:13-32
- Matthew 22:2-13
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- John 6:1-58
- John 6:48-54
- 1 Corinthians 11:20-22;33-34
- Galatians 2:11-14
- Acts 2:42
- Matthew 6:11
- Isaiah 58:6-7
- Matthew 25:37
- Job 31:17-18
- 2 Samuel 9:1-8
- Ephesians 4:28
- Matthew 25:42-43
- Isaiah 25:6-9

Passage: Matthew 15:29-38 _____ (write out the passage in the space below)

Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."

His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?"

"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked.

"Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."

He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children.

What does this passage say about how God performs this Work of Mercy on us?

What sticks out most to me about this passage is that the crowd didn't actually
gather together because they were physically hungry. It was their spiritual hunger
that led them to this place. In his goodness, Jesus was satisfying their whole being.

What does it tell us about how we're to mirror this to others?

There's nothing explicit as to how God's people are to mirror this to others. We can
assume that our Lord expects us to follow suit; providing both spiritual and physical
nourishment with the understanding that Jesus showed he cares about both.

What questions does this bring up for you?

I find myself identifying with the disciples in this passage. Even on a day to day basis
I could find numerous hungry people. But what should I do when I haven't the funds
to feed them all? I can't multiply food like Jesus.

Passage: Mark 2:15-17 (write out the passage in the space below)

While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law

who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

What does this passage say about how God performs this Work of Mercy on us?

It shows Jesus' indiscriminate love. It almost seems as if, for him, sharing his bread
was not as much about the food itself as it was about his love for those that were
looked down upon as sinners by the culture at that time.

What does it tell us about how we're to mirror this to others?

Well if the Christian life culminates in us being "like Christ" then I would assume
our mirroring of this to others would look largely the same. We should be indiscriminate
in our love for sinners in our culture.

What questions does this bring up for you?

What I don't understand is, if we are all sinners, and we know that, should we be
seeking out particular brands of sinners – like Jesus did with the tax collectors –
or just love whoever crosses our paths. Are the homeless our tax collectors today?

Passage: Leviticus 19:10 (write out the passage in the space below)

Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

What does this passage say about how God performs this Work of Mercy on us?

This was written to God's chosen people, the Israelites. But obviously it benefits
those outside that camp – the poor and foreigner – which is what almost all of us
were at one time or another. God cared about us even before we were His.

What does it tell us about how we're to mirror this to others?

It's a cycle being represented here. The poor and foreigner, when outside of the
family of God, are provided for. And when inside the family, they become providers
for others.

What questions does this bring up for you?

First, why does the command end with "I am the LORD your God"? Second, though,
is how this might apply today? I have no field or grape vine for others to glean the
extra from. In Israel, they worked for even what they received. What about today?