

What Is God Like? (Part 3)- A God Who Blesses the Crowd

God is like a good king who is worthy of our gifts and worship.

God is like a good parent whose love is not earned.

God celebrates the tolerated and graces the intolerable.

Will you be open to what God is truly like in 2018?

What Do We Have?

“After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee... A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.” -John 6:1-3

“When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he WELCOMED them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.” -Luke 10:11

“When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘Send the crowds AWAY so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; YOU give them something to eat.’ -Matthew 14:15-16

We have a God who welcomes and has compassion on the crowd.

“Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’ -John 6:5-9

“Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ So they gathered them up, and... they filled twelve baskets.” -John 6:11-13

We have a God who multiplies the blessings of our offerings.

The Kingdom Is Near

- What CAN I do... not to earn God’s love, but BECAUSE of God’s love?
- WHO are the tolerated that God is calling me to embrace & celebrate?
- HOW will I use my time, talents, & treasures to HONOR God and BLESS many?