

Forward in Partnership

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2021 Census: Nanaimo is the least religious metropolitan area in Canada. 62.9% of Nanaimo reports no religious affiliation.

Questions: Does this surprise you? Why or why not?

Nanaimo is a

“never-Christian city in a post-Christian culture.”

Questions: If you are a follower of Jesus living in Nanaimo, how are you going to respond? How do we move forward?

Read Mark 6:31-38

Question: What are some factors that make this passage about food significant?

Jesus didn't need a lunch to feed the crowd. But He wanted one:

- **God loves to partner with people.**

Question: What is your response to this idea that God, the Creator of all, wants to partner with you?

- **God starts with what we already have.**

Read John 6:9



Question: In light of the incredible needs and challenges around you, what is your default response to what you have to offer?

Read Exodus 4:2-3

Questions: What is in your hand? What do you already have?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:7, 11-12

- **God asks us to give him what we have.**

**God never asks us to give what we do not have.
But He cannot use what we will not give.**

Rich Sterns

Questions: What would have happened if the boy would not have surrendered his lunch? What would have been the consequence for him?

Read John 6:11-13

**Are we missing the miracle of our lives
because we're hanging on to something
that Jesus wants to use to bless others?**

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-8; Matthew 6:33

Questions: What is the biggest obstacle you face in “surrendering your lunch?” What step will you take to remove that obstacle?