

JOHN 6:1-5

WHAT'S IT GOING TO TAKE?

CHANGING THE STATE OF HOMELESSNESS IN SAN DIEGO

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Sermon title: What's it Going to Take?

Theme: Changing the state of homelessness in San Diego

Scripture: John 6:1-15

Principles:

It's going to take Compassion - v. 5

It's going to take Personal Involvement - v. 6

Its going to take a Miracle - v. 7

Reflection questions:

1. What is the people group for whom you have the most compassion? Why?
 2. In Matthew's account of the feeding of the 5,000, (Matthew 14:13-14) it reads, "When Jesus heard what had happened*, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick."
*John the Baptist had just been beheaded
- Imagine you were Jesus and you were retreating from your pain to a private, solitary place and crowds started following you from all the surrounding towns. You look and see the large crowds coming toward you. How would you feel?
3. Why do you think people follow Jesus today? Why don't they?
 4. Describe a time in your life when you had a hard time trusting God, but he came through and provided for your needs.
 5. What do you believe the church's role should be when it comes to serving our most vulnerable neighbors and loving on our local community (homeless, refugees, immigrants, sex-trafficked, foster children, veterans, etc.)? What gets in the way?
 6. What misperception do you currently have about those experiencing homelessness and what is one thing you can do this week to lean in and move toward them with Christ-like compassion?