

SERMON NOTES:

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John 6:1-15

Message Title: Feeding & Following

Big Idea: Jesus is a servant king, but He is not subservient to us.

6:1 After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the* Sea of Tiberias. 2 Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. 3 And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. 4 Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. 5 Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

Faith in Jesus is not about knowing, it is about doing.

1. Keep trusting & following Jesus.

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

Do we calculate the size of our problems or the size of our God?

8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

As our faith grows our doubts shrink.

2. Bring what you have to Jesus.

I Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

3. Submit to His authority.

11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

4. Be a giver.

12 So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.” 13 Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

5. Don't forget the lessons.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

Group Discussion Leader Guide

LIFE Group Guide:

General Timeline: (Adjust as appropriate for your group's needs.)

5-10 minutes connecting personally with how everyone is doing.

45 minutes going over message with discussion questions and life applications.

5-10 minutes praying for each other

Summary: This week we explored the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000. Jesus tests His disciples, demonstrates His provision, and shows us what it means to really follow not just get fed.

Discussion Questions.

1. What stood out to you and/or what do you think God might be speaking about from this message?
2. What was the original problem Jesus wanted to solve? What are more important “problems” He solved they needed to learn?
3. Which disciples spoke up when Jesus asked what they should do? How do they encourage you to speak up or step up?
4. Do you ever try to “force” Jesus into your will or your timetable? Why is that not a good idea?
5. How can we literally bring what we have to Jesus? What could that look like for you?
6. How do you feel when you have a test? How could this text change your mindset?
7. What is a takeaway you can put into action?