Bread and Fish pt. 2

John 6:1-15

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Why did Jesus do this miracle?

<u>DISCIPLES</u> with <u>GROWING</u> faith give <u>JESUS</u> their <u>NEXT</u> STEP.

John 6:2-5 – 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?"

Why were the people following Jesus?

Jesus' level of **COMPASSION** forces him to **ACT**.

John 6:9-14 – 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then 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. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

JESUS fed EVERYONE.

JESUS allows EVERYONE to EAT and FOLLOW.

<u>DISCIPLES</u> provide <u>SOLUTIONS</u> for <u>REAL</u> needs.

<u>DISCIPLES</u> connect the <u>FOOD</u> of <u>JESUS</u> to <u>FOLLOWING</u> <u>JESUS</u>.

DISCIPLES give **JESUS** what they **HAVE**.

"God gives where he finds empty hands." - Augustine

Small Group Questions:

Define faith. How does faith grow?

What level of compassion did Jesus have? What is the lesson in that for us?

What connection does Jesus make between bread and following?

How can disciples give Jesus what they have?

How can disciples empty their hands so Jesus can fill them?