

The Message of a Miraculous Meal

John 6:1-15

In Galilee, Jesus performs a miracle that leads to the claim that He is "the bread of life." The feeding of the five thousand demonstrates that Jesus is the Son of God by virtue of His creative power. As such, He presents Himself as the sole answer to the hunger in the hearts of humanity.

Four important directives emerge from this miraculous meal.

1. Reevaluate your motives for following Jesus (v.1-4).

What is your motive for following Jesus? What would it take to deter you from following Him?

What difference do you see in the motives of the disciples and the crowd?

2. Realize Jesus can grow your faith through trials (v.5-9).

Jesus tested the faith of His disciples to reveal the level of trust they had gained from following Him. How would you assess the level of faith that Phillip displayed?

In what ways did this test help them grow?

3. Receive the fullness of God's grace in Jesus (v.10-13)

Grace, in its simplest definition is all the good that God provides for us that we don't deserve. This passage shows us seven expressions of God's grace.

In what ways do you see God's grace being expressed in these verses?

4. Resist following false perceptions of Jesus (v.14-15)

The feeding of such a large crowd led the people to want to make Jesus king. But Jesus withdrew from the crowd. What false perceptions of Jesus did the crowd have? What false perceptions of Jesus do people have today?

Jesus said, I AM the Bread of Life. What should be your response to Him today?