

Bill & Kipp's Excellent Bible Adventure

John - Episode 14 - John 6: 1-15 - *Jesus, Bread, and Other Things*

I. Scarcity vs. Abundance

- A. Why do you think Jesus wanted to feed the crowd rather than sending them to find food elsewhere?
- B. How do you think the disciples expected Jesus to react when they brought all the fish they could find to feed the enormous crowd?
- C. The story ends with twelve baskets full of leftovers, more than they started out with. Why do you think Jesus could work from a place of believing in the possibility of abundance while the disciples could only see what was currently present?
- D. There is a saying that “Crisis can mean danger or opportunity.” When in your life have you experienced a crisis? Were you ever able to find the opportunity in the crisis? What enabled you to move from fear to hope? How did this build your faith?
- E. Many find the most rewarding moments of giving when they can give to something leading to an abundant future. What hopeful possibilities inspire you to give now or to have given in the past?

II. Who defines you

- A. As a result of the miracle of multiplication, the people want to make Jesus King. Why would they want to do that?
- B. How does Jesus respond to the crowd? How is this scene similar to the temptation narratives in Matthew 4, Mark 1, and Luke 4? How is it different from these narratives?
- C. To escape the situation, Jesus “withdrew again to the mountain by himself.” How do you “withdraw” from the crowd to give time a space for clarity?
- D. At times, our greatest successes or failures tend to make us think that these will ever define our lives. Have you ever experienced a time when you were able to, with God’s help, choose the definition of your life rather than have it defined for you?