

# John 6:1-21

CG Discussion Guide// Week of Feb. 12, 2023

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## INTRODUCTION

- Icebreaker: If you can have only one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?
- Take some time to pray for one another's needs and requests (refer to Prayer Guide as needed)
- Harbor Network sister church to pray for: Citizens Church, Birmingham, AL (Pastor: Justin Karl)
- Choose discussion questions, prayer guide, or abide time questions depending on your group's needs

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- John 6:1-21 occurs during Passover (v. 4), which gives context to everything that happens in this passage. What connections do you see between the feeding of the 5,000 and Jesus' walking on the water with the Passover and Exodus accounts?
  - Why the parallels? What does this teach about Jesus and His relation to the OT, to Moses?
- What can you glean from Jesus' miraculous feeding of the 5,000? What was the main intent of doing so?
  - Oftentimes, we feel like we come short or that we have nothing to offer in service to the Kingdom. How does this miracle speak to that? How does Jesus' amount of provision speak to how He works among us?
- Instead of using the miracle as a platform for forced political revolution, Jesus withdrew from the people. Why did He? What was His mission?
- What does Jesus' walking over the waters teach us about Him? Check Ps. 77:16-20 and Ps. 107:28-30
  - (For CG leaders: In v. 20, Jesus identifies Himself to His frightened apostles as "It is I; don't be afraid." The original Greek translated as "It is I" is "*Ego Eimi*," the exact same phrase used in the Greek Old Testament for the covenant name of Yahweh: "I am who I am.")
- Although most of us will most likely never be in literal shipwrecks or near-shipwrecks (and if you have, please tell us the story!), we all face waves in our lives: waves of suffering, fear, and danger are no strangers to us. How does Jesus teach us to respond when we find ourselves in the waves of life?

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**Abide Time: John 6:1-21**

- What realities are you facing this week? What is occupying your thoughts? How do you feel?
  
- Read the passage and let God speak to you in you reality through his Word. Write down your reflections as God shepherds you:
  - What does the text say is true about God and his character?
  
  - What does it say about the world around you?
  
- How do your reflections above speak to your reality?
  
- What did you experience in your heart and soul as God spoke to you and your reality?
  
- What did you experience in your body, given your reflections and what you experienced in your heart and soul?
  
- How is God inviting you to live differently?
  
- What does all of what you shared above say about God and his relationship with you?

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## WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

*The Bible promises that anything we ask for in Jesus' name – that is according to His will – shall be granted to us (John 14:13-14). In view of this great promise, the prayer requests are all grounded in Scripture. When we pray Scripture, we can be certain that we are praying according to God's will.*

*That does not mean God will grant our requests in our preferred time or according to our frail wisdom; but it does mean that we can pray confidently knowing that God delights to answer these requests, for they are His words.*

*Use the accompanying Scripture verses to shape and inform your prayers.*

### **PRAY FOR YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY:**

- That your daily life will bring honor to the name of Jesus – (2 Thess. 1:11-12)
- That you will cast all of your anxieties on God – (1 Peter 5:6-7)
- That you will consider your trials as an opportunity for joy – (James 1:2-4)

### **PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:**

- That the power of Christ will rest on our church and ministries [Worship Gathering, Community Groups, Men/Women, Youth, Children, etc.] – (2 Cor. 12:9-10)
- That God will give us the wisdom and faith that we desperately need to continue in faithful mission – (James 1:5-8)
- That God will make us fruitful in ministry – (John 15:1-2) – and bold in witness – (Eph. 6:18-20)

### **PRAY FOR OUR CITY:**

- That God will give wisdom to our government (local, state, and national) that we may lead peaceful, godly lives – (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- That the Lord will continue to provide open doors of gospel ministry in IU and the Bloomington community – (1 Corinthians 16:9)
- That the work of God will be displayed in the lives of the members of our sister churches – (John 9:3)

### **PRAY FOR OUR WORLD:**

- That the persecuted church will find fellowship with Jesus as they share in his sufferings – (Philippians 3:10-11)
- That the Lord of the harvest will send out more workers to unreached people groups because they have been gripped by Paul's missionary logic in Romans 10:13-17 – (Matthew 9:37-38)
- That Christ will return bringing the fullness of salvation with him – (Revelation 22:20)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Feb. 19: Redeemer-in-10
- Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 26: Child + Family Dedication
- March 1: Redeemer Men
- March 10-19: Brazil Trip

**Reminder:** All events are listed in the Events tab in our Redeemer app. You can RSVP for specific events by going to the Events tab, clicking on an event, and following the link to register.