

Seven: Feed the 5,000

Sermon Discussion Guide 3.16.25

Signs point the way. They direct us, warn us and inform us. Signs make clear what we cannot see. During His ministry, the Gospel of John tells us that Jesus performed 7 signs that were designed to reveal His identity as the Messiah. With each sign we are confronted with the truth about Jesus; and with each sign we are asked to make a decision about His identity and His work on the cross for us: will we believe?

Big Picture:

- Jesus' 4th sign reveals that He is the bread of life that sustains and satisfies our hearts and souls.

Getting Started

- Have you ever been a part of an event where they ran out of food?

Search the Scriptures

Have someone in your Group read **John 6:1-15**.

- This is the only miracle of Jesus (other than the resurrection) that is recorded in all 4 Gospel accounts. What does that teach us about this story?
- What does John say as the reason for why the crowd was following Jesus (vs. 2)? Why do you think that is important for us to know?
- 200 denarii were about 8 months' worth of wages. Why is this an important detail? (vs. 7)
 - Also, Philip says this much bread wouldn't even be enough.

- John makes sure to mention that the people eat more than enough (vs. 11-12). What does this reveal to us?
- You cannot this passage without reading what follows later in the chapter. Have someone read John 6:25-35.
 - How does reading that help us understand what Jesus was revealing in the miracle?

Getting Practical

- Everyone seeks to be satisfied by something or someone other than Jesus. What are some of the things we can run to for satisfaction?
 - Notice that for Philip, money was the answer to their need. And for Andrew, a person was the answer to their need.
- How does this passage grow our trust in Jesus as our sustainer and provider?
- Spend time in personal prayer confessing areas of your life where you've trusted in someone or something other than Jesus for life, hope, and joy.

Lent Questions (For participating groups):

1. How was your week as you focused on your sin and practiced repentance?
2. Specifically, regarding sin, what did you learn about Jesus or yourself this week as you read, prayed, fasted, and reflected?
3. How have you experienced Jesus' grace and provision this week in your life?