

# *John 6:1-24*

**Tuesday Bible Study: Week 8**



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1. A large crowd follows Jesus because they see the signs he is performing. What are some of the reasons people are drawn to Jesus? How might those motivations shape the kind of faith different people develop?
2. Jesus asks Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” John tells us Jesus already knows what he is going to do. Why do you think Jesus asks the question anyway?
3. Andrew brings forward a boy with five barley loaves and two fish, then immediately adds, “But what are they among so many people?” When have you offered something to God while doubting it was enough? What does this story tell us about our own offerings?
4. The feeding of the five thousand is recorded in all four Gospels. Compare John’s account with the Synoptic versions (Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9). What details does John include or omit that the others don’t? What might John want his readers to notice?
5. After everyone has eaten, Jesus tells the disciples to “gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” What might the abundance and the instruction not to waste anything tell us about how God provides?

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6. The crowd wants to make Jesus king by force after the feeding. Jesus withdraws to the mountain alone. What does this tell us about the kind of kingship Jesus came to offer? Where in your own life are you tempted to want God to act on *your* terms rather than his?
  
7. The disciples are in the dark, on rough water, far from shore—and then Jesus comes to them. Have you ever felt spiritually “at sea.” How did Christ come to you in that moment?
  - a. John tells us that when they welcomed Jesus into the boat, “immediately the boat reached the land.” What might this detail suggest about what happens when we welcome Christ into the places of our fear and struggle?
  
8. This passage contains two “signs”—the feeding and the sea crossing. Both echo Israel’s wilderness experience: manna from heaven and the crossing of the Red Sea. What is John inviting us to see about Jesus through these echoes of the Exodus story?