

LEADER TIPS

Sermon Scripture References
John 6:22-38; 47-56; 60-66; 67-69

Sermon Description

Jesus and his disciples are exhausted from being constantly followed by crowds looking for miracles. After preaching all day Jesus sees the crowds are hungry and tired as well so, moved with compassion, he performs a miracle to feed them. However, this miracle is so much more than just food, it is a sign for things to come. The next day the crowds again find Jesus demanding more from him to satisfy their physical needs, but Jesus declares their one true need is to believe in Him because He is the bread of life.

Jesus goes onto invite all who could hear him to eat of his flesh and drink of his blood to have eternal life. Taking this discourse literally, many disciples cannot understand what Jesus could possibly mean by this so, discouraged, and disheartened, they walk away. How often do we learn something about God that is hard to understand and question whether we can continue to follow him? We are often leaning into our own calculations and understanding to see how God could possibly do so much with what we see as so little. How could one man's death provide eternal life for all who would come to him? At the end of this story Peter makes a profound statement when Jesus asks if his 12 closest friends would turn away as the others had. "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life."

DISCUSSION PRIMER

Where has the tension between human calculations and divine provision appeared in your life? Is it there now? And how might you trust that Jesus is enough?

SERMON OUTLINE

"WHERE ELSE WOULD WE GO?": JOHN 6:60-69

Big Idea: Our human calculations so often fail to see how truly sufficient divine provision really is.

- Phillip's Miscalculation
 - Never discount the Jesus of it all.
 - In the hands of God, our inadequacy is sufficient.
- The Twelve's Misadventure
 - If God sends you, He will go with you.
- The Jews Misunderstanding
 - Jesus is so much more than a miracle worker.
 - The Bread of Life does not just sustain life, it gives life.
- The Disciples' Misinterpretation
 - Our most bankrupt miscalculation is that physical things will meet spiritual needs.
- Peter's Correct Assumption
 - Those closes understand greatest.

INTERSECTION: How does the text intersect with our lives?

- ▶ When the gospel intersects your life circumstances, assumptions, or values in a perpendicular fashion do you veer towards human calculations or divine provision?
- ▶ What does it mean for you to trust in the sufficiency of Jesus in your life this week?
- ▶ What teachings of Jesus have you found hard to understand and you have asked yourself if you can continue to follow Jesus? What helps you to keep going?
- ▶ Where have you found yourself leaning into your own bankrupt human calculations and not into divine provision? Why is that?

REPLICABLE QUESTIONS

Read [1 Samuel 15:1-35](#) and explore together what the passages reveal about:

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| 1) The character and purposes of God? | 4) Our identity in Christ? |
| 2) The fallen human condition? | 5) Our obedience to Christ? |
| 3) The gospel of Jesus Christ? | 6) Our relationship to others |

APPLICATION: "So, what now?"

Have each participant identify a personal take-away in light of this study. Is there . . .

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| • a command to obey? | • a beauty to behold? | • a mission to fulfill? |
| • a promise to claim? | • a truth to believe? | • an example to follow? |
| • a sin to repent of? | • a service to render? | • a person to tell? |