

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

JOHN 6:1-15

DISCUSSION 1: PASSOVER

1. **Ice-breaker:** What is your favorite holiday, and why?
2. What do you know about the meaning and significance of the Passover?
3. In light of Jesus doing this sign at Passover, what do you think he was communicating to those present about who he was and why he came to earth?

DISCUSSION 2: FAITH

1. What do you notice about the responses of Philip and Andrew? What might we learn about our own hearts in how they respond?
2. Read John 6:6. What kind of testing is going on here? What might Jesus want for Philip in this test?
3. How might God use trials in our life to grow us, particularly to teach us to trust in Him and have faith in Him? Can you share an example of when God grew you through a trial that tested your faith?
4. We are like the disciples in that we often lack faith despite all we've seen God do. What are reasons we don't believe in or trust in God more? Are there ways you can cultivate a steady, trusting faith in God?

DISCUSSION 3: RESPONDING

1. What are some things you think Jesus wanted to accomplish in this miracle? Why?
2. When God works in our life in a clear way or we see His hand around us, how should we respond?
3. Read John 6:11, 23; Matt. 26:26-27; Acts 27:35; Col. 3:15-17; 4:2; 1 Tim. 4:3-4. Throughout the life of Jesus, the letters of Paul, or David's psalms, thanksgiving plays a key role in our posture before God. Why is it important to give thanks to God for what He does or gives?
4. What might a lack of thanksgiving and not recognizing God's provision or kindness reveal about your heart? How might you build thanksgiving into your life in more meaningful ways?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Just like the disciples of Jesus, we sometimes lack faith in what he can or will do? Why should we have faith in God and believe He can do big things?
2. What does Jesus feeding the five thousand tell us about Jesus?

APPLICATION

- **Group:** Spend time as a group sharing ways God has used trials and even tests in your life to reveal areas of growth needed, reveal hidden idols, increase faith or trust in God, and to mature you spiritually. Use this as a chance to give thanks to God for His work in your lives.
- **Individual:** Consider starting some form of a journal to help you reflect on God's work in your life, what He's teaching you that you don't want to forget, prayer requests, things you're thankful for, or what you see as you're reading the Bible.