

Multiplying; That's easy

John 6: 1 – 15

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee, ²and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. ³Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴The Jewish Passover Feast was near.

⁵When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

⁸Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹²When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

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1. What happened? (in a sentence or a few phrases...what went on?)

2. What would it have been like to be there? (picture the scene...what would it have been like to be the disciples, the people getting fed, the boy with the fish, Jesus, etc?)

3. Why were so many people following Jesus?

4. Why does Jesus ask Philip "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"

5. What does Jesus do before He multiplies the bread and the fish? What can we learn from this?

6. What does Jesus specifically (or by hinting) tell us about life? (think about what he is showing his disciples and the crowd in this scene)

7. So what? (What is something that you could do because of what you learned here? What did you learn?)