

Bible Lesson: *Multiplication Tables*

Text: John 6:1-15

Big Idea:

Jesus will meet our need, not our agendas

Outline:

- I. Jesus wants us to look past our own inability

- II. Jesus does not need a great deal to work with

- III. God is able to provide more than we need

- IV. Felt needs are not our greatest needs

- V. You cannot trap Jesus in your programs

Closing Quote:

“Beware ambition; Heaven is not reached with pride, but with submission.” Middleton

John 6:1–15 (NLT)

¹ After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. ² A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. ³ Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. ⁴ (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) ⁵ Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?” ⁶ He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip replied, “Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!” ⁸ Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up. ⁹ “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?” ¹⁰ “Tell everyone to sit down,” Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. ¹² After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, “Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.” ¹³ So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves. ¹⁴ When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, “Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!” ¹⁵ When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.

“A slave has but one master; the ambitious man has as many as can help in making his fortune.” Jean de La Bruyere

- Sometimes we want the side effects, not the medicine
- Jesus is the food of deliverance
- Jesus has the ability to provide
- God needs to be recognized for His goodness
- Greatness comes through suffering, not victory
- Coming to Jesus is not military recruitment
- The human condition is always looking for a deliverer
- Success is not defined by numbers, but by doing what God would have us do